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REDEFINING TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT

TELANGANA LEADS BY EXAMPLE

KUMARAM BHEEM ADIVASI BHAVAN

As a tribute to the Tribal freedom fighter **Sri. Kumaram Bheem**, the Telangana Government constructed a building named as Kumaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in one acre plot at Banjara Hills, Hyderabad with a cost of Rs.**24.68 Crores**

SEVALAL BANJARA BHAVAN

As a tribute to the Tribal freedom fighter **Sri. Sevalal Maharaj,** the Telangana Government constructed a building named as Sevalal Banjara Bhavan in one acre plot at Banjara Hills, Hyderabad with a cost of Rs.**24.43 Crores**

Under the exemplary leadership of Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of Telangana, a large number of pathbreaking and innovative schemes have been taken up for the economic development, welfare and empowerment of Scheduled Tribe (Adivasi & Banjara Community) in the State of Telangana since the formation of State on 2nd June, 2014. Some of the unique schemes of the State Government are :-

SCHEDULED TRIBE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

- The State Government has enacted a Scheduled Tribe Special Development Fund **(SDF)** Act and a whopping outlay of Rs.**75,450 Crores** has been provided under SDF out of which Rs.**47,258 Crores** have been spent so far for the development and economic empowerment of the ST communities.

SELF-GOVERNANCE AND EMPOWERMENT OF STs

- 3,146 Tribal Gram Panchayats are in the State (almost 25% of the total Gram Panchayat's in the State). This dedicated focus ensures planned development in these Tribal Gram Panchayats.
- 27,682 elected representatives from the Tribal community includes 3,146 Tribal Sarpanches, 5 Mayors / Chairpersons and the remaining Ward Members / Counsellors and strengthening the good governance by the Tribal community.
- All the Tribal Gram Panchayats are provided with Gram Panchayat buildings
- Each of the Tribal Gram Panchayats are provided with a Tractor, Community Park, Modern Cremation Ground and a dumping yard thereby leading to overall development in these Tribal Gram Panchayats.

ST DEVELOPMENT - LEADING FROM THE FRONT

- 32 Girijan Athma Gaurava Bhavans(Aadivasi, Girijana and Banjara) have been constructed by the State Government covering all ST dominated districts and constituencies

THREE PHASE CURRENT SUPPLY - ALL ST HABITATIONS

- Free power supply is ensured for all ST Households (up to 101 units) / ST Habitations
- Outstanding Electricity charges upto the year 2014 completely waived off
- Three Phase Electricity for all ST Habitations and Power is supplied free for Agriculture

ST EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT

- 808 Tribal Educational Institutions including 183 Tribal Gurukuls
- 918 ST students got admissions in IIT / NIT / Other professional courses
- 237 ST students covered under the State Government's Ambedkar Overseas Vidya Nidhi @ Rs.20 lakhs per student

HEALTH CARE FOR STs

- A total of 2,28,089 ST mothers got benefitted with KCR KIT i.e., @ Rs.13,000/- per head and a health Kit
- To tackle malnutrition, **"Giri Poshana Scheme"** is implemented at all Tribal Anganwadi Centres

PRESERVING AND CELEBRATING THE TRIBAL PRIDE

- State celebrates the birth anniversaries of the Adivasi freedom fighter **Kumram Bheem** and Social Activist **Sevalal Maharaj**
- **Sammakka & Saralamma Jatara** is Asia's biggest Tribal Fair organized by Telangana Government
- Telangana Government also organizes **Nagoba Jatara, Jangubai Jatara, Bourampur Jatara, Erukala Nancharamma Jatara, Gandhari Maisamma Jatara etc.,**
- 2 Tribal museums - Kumaram Bheem at Jodeghat and Sammakka Saralamma museum at Medaram have been constructed by the state government with Rs.**22.53 Crores**.

ST FARMER'S EMPOWERMENT

- A total of Rs.**7,354 Crores** of Agriculture capital investment assistance is provided to 8,23,780 ST farmers @ Rs.10,000 per acre per annum under **Rythu Bandhu scheme.**
- All the ST farmers are insured for personal insurance to cover under **Rythu Bima Scheme.**

ASSURED SAFE AND PROTECTED DRINKING WATER FOR ALL ST HABITATIONS

- All the ST Habitations are covered with assured drinking water supply under **"Mission Bhagiratha"** Scheme

WELFARE SCHEMES FOR STs

- Rs.1,00,116/- for every ST girl under Kalyana Lakshmi Scheme towards her marriage. A total of 1,36,730 ST girls benefitted with a total outlay of Rs.**1,127 Crores** so far.
- A monthly pension of Rs.2016/- is given under **Aasara Pension** to eligible STs covering 3,75,316 ST beneficiaries.

ACCESSIBILITY TO ST HABITATIONS

- To improve connectivity, 1682 Scheduled Tribes Habitations are connected with BT roads spending Rs.**1276 Crores** in 8 years
- Rs.**1000 Crores** allocated for road connectivity to 2090 hamlets this year
- Special provision of Rs.**133 Crores** for internal CC Roads in Tribal Habitations

INCREASING ST RESERVATION

- The State Government has passed a bill for increasing the ST reservation from the existing 6% to 10% and the bill is pending with Govt. of India for the Presidential assent
- 5% Reservation for STs while allocating Excise Shops

and the List goes on...

Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurates KUMARAM BHEEM ADIVASI BHAVAN and SEVALAL BANJARA BHAVAN, Today at Hyderabad.

Telangana leads from the front

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NEARBY

Anti-encroachment drive stopped in Mahadevapura

BENGALURU

After the claims of BBMP regarding encroachment were disputed by many, including Wipro, Bagmane Tech Park and other prominent builders, the civic body on Friday said it would stop the demolition drive in the Mahadevapura zone and take up a resurvey.

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Farmers get more time for regularisation

BENGALURU

The Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 2022, was passed in the Legislative Assembly to provide one-year extension for regularisation of unauthorised cultivation of government lands.

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Shivakumar issues stern warning to party leaders

BENGALURU

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar issued a stern warning to party legislators and leaders that they would be "rested" in the Assembly elections if they do not work and mobilise people for the 'Bharat Jodo yatra'.

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At SCO meet, Modi and Sharif spar over transit trade access

PM flags energy, food crises due to COVID-19 and war

SUHASINI HAIDAR
SAMARKAND

Clear stance: Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending an SCO meeting at Samarkand in Uzbekistan on Friday. •REUTERS

Better regional connectivity is only possible if members grant each other "full transit rights", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday, referring to the refusal by Pakistan to give India transit trade access by land to Afghanistan and Central Asia.

Mr. Modi was speaking at the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State here.

In a speech that was otherwise free from references to India's regional issues on terrorism with Pakistan and on territorial sovereignty with China, Mr. Modi called for greater cooperation in the Eurasian region and pointed to the "unprecedented" energy and food crisis arising from the twin issues of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine conflict.

He also focused on the initiatives on manufacturing that India is willing to pilot in the next year, when New Delhi assumes the chair of the SCO and hosts the summit in mid-2023.

"SCO has an important role in developing reliable, resilient and diversified supply chains. For this, better connectivity is necessary, but along with that, it is also important that we give each other full transit rights," Mr. Modi said at the SCO plenary session that also marked the first time he shared a forum in person with Chinese President Xi Jinping since the 2020 LAC stand-off and Pakistan's new Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

While Mr. Modi did not exchange words with Mr. Sharif or Mr. Xi at the publicly broadcast sessions, he stood next to the Chinese President during one of the photo ops for the SCO and observer and dialogue partners.

Later, all the leaders attended a lunch together hosted by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, which was closed to media.

Speaking at the SCO meet, Mr. Xi congratulated India for taking over the chair of the grouping and promised "China's support" to India in hosting the event next year. Significantly, both Mr. Xi and Mr. Sharif referred to the issue of terrorism, and the need to collectively fight the "menace" and "monster".

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Putin says he understands India's worries

SUHASINI HAIDAR
SAMARKAND

Russia understands India's "concerns" over its war in Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin told Prime Minister Narendra Modi, promising to try and end the nine-month-old conflict and blaming the Ukrainian government for prolonging the crisis.

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'Jaish chief in Afghanistan'

SUHASINI HAIDAR
SAMARKAND

Denying any knowledge of Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar being in Pakistan, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto said the UN-designated terrorist was "in Afghanistan".

FULL REPORT ▸ PAGE 13

Ex-President named suspect in Sri Lanka Easter attacks

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

A Sri Lankan court on Friday named former President Maithripala Sirisena a suspect in a case pertaining to the 2019 Easter terror bombings, and directed him to appear in court in October.

The magistrate court in Colombo's Fort area gave the orders in response to a private complaint filed by Fr. Cyril Gamini Fernando, a member of the National Catholic Committee for Justice to Easter Sunday Attack Victims, local media reported. For more than three years now, Sri Lanka's Catholic Church, and families of the victims of the gruesome serial blasts – that killed about 280 people and left hundreds injured – have been demanding justice.

Maithripala Sirisena

In March, the Archbishop of Colombo, Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, told the UN Human Rights Council that the incident was a "grand political plot".

Six months after the attacks, former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa ran for presidency promising national security, and won with a thumping majority.

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Kerala HC asks State to care for dog-bite victims

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Friday directed the State government to take steps to identify rabid stray dogs and remove them to a place of isolation within the limits of the local authority concerned, if need be, by tranquillising them under veterinary supervision.

It directed the government to provide effective and free medical treatment to dog-bite victims until concrete measures were put in place.

The directive by a Bench comprising Justices Jayasankaran Nambiar and P. Gopinath came at a special sitting on the issue of stray dogs turning violent in the State and biting people at will, and reports that suggest that some of them would be afflicted with rabies.

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Plea challenging BBMP ward delimitation dismissed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday dismissed all the petitions challenging the correctness and legality of delimitation of wards of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Justice Hemant Chandangoudar heard the petitions.

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Excess fare: Transport Department officials file 292 cases against Ola, Uber in Bengaluru

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Transport Department officials carrying out a drive to book cases against excess fare by taxi aggregators. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amidst complaints of taxi aggregators charging exorbitant fares, the Transport Department on Friday carried out a drive against Ola, Uber and other operators. Transport Commissioner T.H.M. Kumar told *The Hindu* that 292 cases have been booked for charging excess fares.

The drive was carried out at various places such as Anand Rao Circle, Majestic, KSR-Bengaluru railway station, Jayanagar bus stand, Hennur cross road, Devanahalli road near Kempegowda International Airport and others. The officials have maintained that action has been taken against the aggregators following complaints from the general public. It is said that some of the passengers even sent out email complaints to the Chief Minister and other top functionaries in the government seeking action.

"General public has been complaining that aggregators such as Ola and Uber are charging excess fares. In the past, the State government had fixed fares that are applicable for the taxi aggregators. They have to fix the fare as per the slab fixed by the government and cannot take passengers for a ride," said the commissioner.

In the city, passengers relying on taxis are complaining that there has been a steep rise in the fares charged by the aggregators. Vidya Kumari said, "It has been months, travelling in the city has become too expensive. There were instances of apps showing up to ₹100 for a three kilometer stretch. Long distance travel to airport and others has become very expensive."

Another passenger Gurumurthy said, "Booking a taxi ride from or to the bus stand or the airport is becoming very expensive. The waiting time is too long compared to previous years. There were several instances of drivers not switching on AC during the ride and from the airport, the taxi drivers illegally charge toll fee without taking the toll road."

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Consistent social media usage leading to lower self-esteem: NIMHANS researchers

'Ideal body images on networking sites have affected young women more than men'

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

To enable young people to follow more body positive profiles, researchers recommend social media literacy programmes.

The impact of sharing and viewing images on social media and its influence on body image has been highlighted in a review article by researchers from NIMHANS, which has said that upward comparison driven by social media sites causes negative self-evaluation and negative social perception attitudes, particularly among young individuals.

The review article titled "Making the body public: Implications of the new standards of body-image" has been recently published in the *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*.

"Usage of Social Networking Sites (SNS) is linked to body image problems among young women and men and this link may strengthen with time. Users with an obese body size tend to report body dissatisfaction due to exposure to SNS. The ideal body portrayed in the images of SNS has affected young women more than men in how they view their bodies. Studies also point to consistent social media usage leading to lower self-esteem and acting as an agent of manifesting social comparison. Heavy use of SNS can as well lead to negative self-esteem," Manoj Kumar Sharma, Professor at the Department of Clinical Psychology, who also heads SHUT (Service for Healthy use of Technology) clinic at NIMHANS told *The Hindu*. He is the corresponding author of the review article.

Online behaviour

"Users with pre-existing psychological illnesses such as anxiety and eating disorders have been shown to be more affected by social media platforms. A person's online behaviour might be connected to offline behaviour. Inappropriate actions such as body exposure in a public forum are replicated, repeated, accepted, and institutionalised. There is no physical threat as it is a technology-mediated dialogue," he said.

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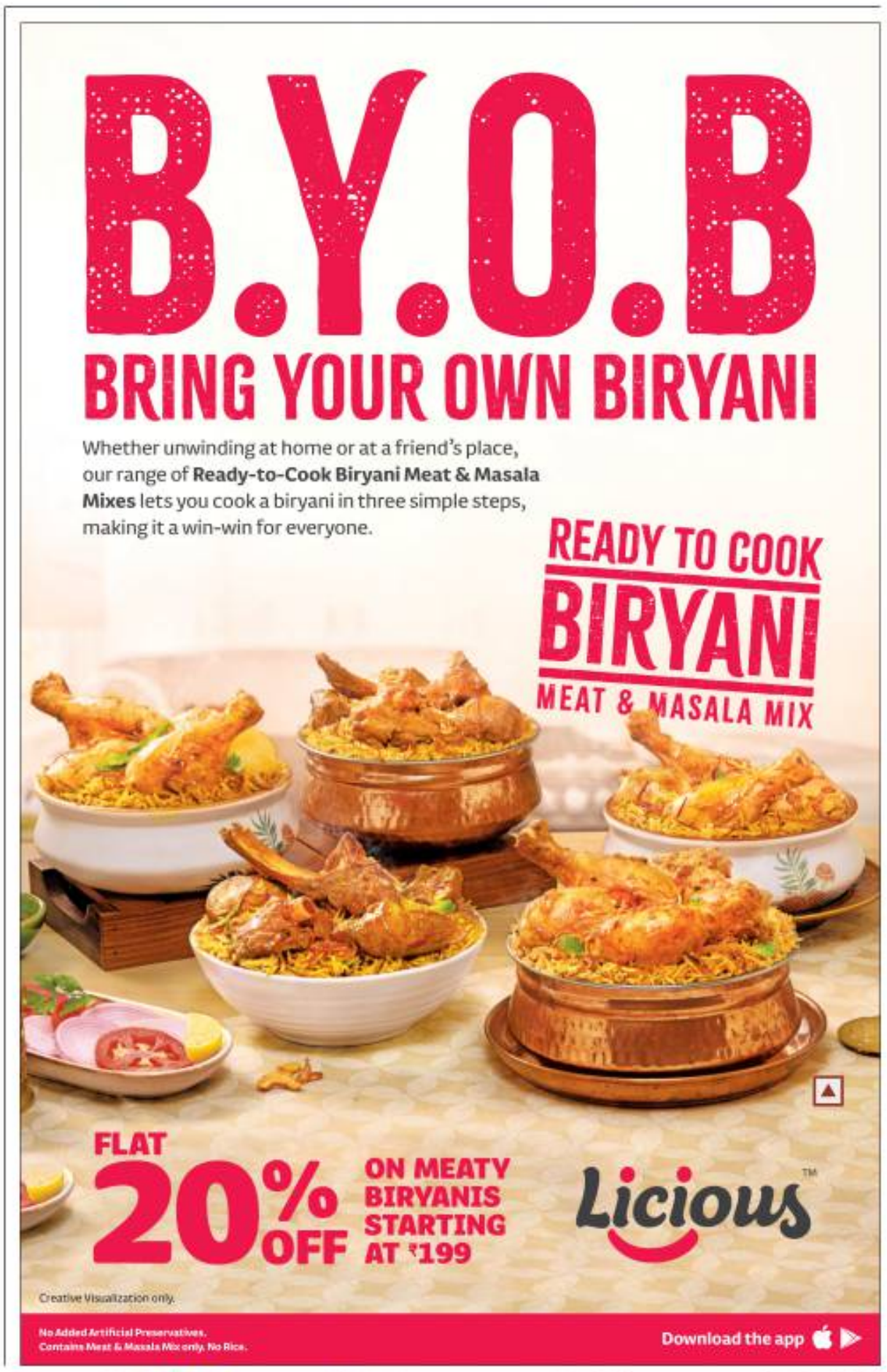

Decoding F1's matrix of success: the interplay between man and machine

A car's inherent characteristics determine its racing destiny, but what the driver brings to the table is pivotal. As Verstappen has demonstrated in 2022, great drivers do not merely extract the best from their car; they also raise its ceiling of development

S. DIPAK RAGAV

In Formula One, although drivers are the heroes who make the sport what it is, the car is the main differentiator in determining who wins a race. A rough but informed estimate of the car-to-driver contribution would peg it at 80:20 in favour of the machinery. So, you can put Lewis Hamilton or Max Verstappen in the slowest car on the grid and they are unlikely to challenge for podiums or consistent point-scoring finishes.

But as we have seen this year, that 20% a driver brings to the table makes a huge difference to a team's fortunes. The quality of this contribution is what separates the elite drivers from the very good and good.

Style and substance

While there are universal technical principles drivers use to extract the best possible lap time, there are subtle differences in how they adapt their individual driving styles to what the machines demand; in a sport of such fine margins, this is often pivotal.

In 2022, we have seen wide disparities between teammates. Be it Verstappen dominating Sergio Perez at Red Bull or Lando Norris putting Daniel Ricciardo in the shade at McLaren, the gulf between teammates is huge.

A car can have several characteristics based on how it has been developed – like being quick on the straights if it has low drag or sharp through fast corners if it can generate high downforce. Some vehicles will be good through slow corners where traction is important, making the car stable under acceleration and preventing it slipping.

Another trait that commentators often speak about is a car having understeer (car turns less than the steering input) or oversteer (car turns more than the steering input), and this can play a huge role for drivers depending on what they prefer.

It has, to an extent, influenced the way the title fight has unfolded, especially with Verstappen now all set to seal his second World championship.

At the start of the year, Perez and Verstappen were quite evenly matched in a Red Bull that was stable but not as quick as the Ferrari. It was also heavier than the minimum weight prescribed by the regulations, costing it lap time.

After the Monaco GP, which Perez won, he was trailing his teammate by only 15 points. But as Red Bull developed its car and it began to have a more 'pointy' front end, it started to suit Verstappen more.

"There are some inherent characteristics which are the fundamental basis of the car. It will be designed by the team in the way they think will give the best performance in terms of downforce and outright pace. After that, you can change set-ups in terms of suspension or aero based on driver preference," says Karun Chandhok, India's second F1 driver, when asked how drivers adapt to different cars.

The Red Bull case

"When you say Red Bull has a pointy front end, it means when the driver turns the steering wheel, it is very responsive and points quickly. That needs a driver like Max who prefers to have a car [respond] like [that] when they first turn the wheel but also can control the rear from sliding. When the rear slides, it affects the confidence of a driver.

"This year's car was calmer at the start of the year and you saw Perez was closer to Max. As the car has developed with more downforce and they made changes to the original car, it has favoured Max and Checo [Perez] is not able to extract the same level of performance," adds Chandhok.

After his Dutch GP win, Verstappen spoke about the challenge at the start of the year: "When the regulations change then sometimes you have to start over. At the beginning of the year, it was a bit of adaptation, which is not fully to my liking. Also, the car was quite heavy... that doesn't help the balance of the car because it becomes a bit lazy and also [the weight distribution] in the wrong place, and that's why it understeered quite a bit. With reducing the weight it all felt a bit more agile."

Chandhok also explains that greats like Michael Schumacher, Hamilton (especially in his McLaren days) and Verstappen prefer a car with a bit of oversteer as they can use their talent to control the rear end of the car.

> **In terms of car development, a driver who can give good feedback and clear direction on how to make the car faster is a huge asset. It is one thing to rely on data. But only a driver can feel what the car is actually doing on track. Teams ... will naturally gravitate towards developing a car their faster driver can extract performance from**
>
> KARUN CHANDHOK, Former F1 driver

Drivers like Carlos Sainz, on the other hand, prefer understeer – "My driving is really aggressive," Sainz said, "I can make a car rotate myself with the steering wheel and pedals. Give me an understeery car and don't worry, I'll make it turn."

Asked if it is desirable to have an oversteering car, Chandhok says, "Ultimately it's about personal preference. If you have understeer, it is difficult to resolve the problem. You have to wait for the front of the car to grip to carry the speed into the car. Oversteer can be a little bit quicker and faster, especially in qualifying when you have new tyres. But over a distance, the rear tyres can overheat."

While the resources deployed by the R&D department matter greatly, having a driver who can guide the design team and offer the right feedback makes a big, often decisive, difference. Be it Schumacher at Ferrari or Hamilton at Mercedes, long periods of dominance are not possible without the driver directing the car's evolution.

GETTY IMAGES

"In terms of car development, having a driver who can give the team good feedback, information and clear direction on how to make the car faster is a huge asset," says Chandhok. "It is one thing to rely on numbers and theoretical data or wind tunnel data. But only a driver can feel what the car is actually doing on track. This year, Mercedes has loads of performance that they can see in the wind tunnel, but balance issues on track mean it doesn't give the driver confidence to attack the corners. That is an example of why a driver is still very important."

Max dominant

This season, after the regulations overhaul, Verstappen has not only excelled in a car which has a higher ceiling, even if it is slightly less stable, but he has also been able to drive its development towards his style as the team knows he can extract more out of it.

"The teams exist to achieve the best result possible," says Chandhok, "and what they will naturally gravitate towards is, developing a car that their faster driver can extract performance from. If you have two drivers of similar style, that is the best-case scenario but often one is going to lose out. Teams will use faster drivers to give them the direction to develop the car. That is what has happened with Perez. He was able to extract good lap time in races like Saudi and Monaco. But as the car has developed, it has favoured Max."

It is this ability of a great driver to maximise everything that has taken Verstappen within striking distance of a second title, as he leads Charles Leclerc by 116 points and his teammate by a staggering 125. With a lesser driver than Verstappen, Red Bull would likely have been trailing in both the drivers' and constructors' championships.

As Verstappen himself said, citing Hamilton's 2020 drive in Istanbul, "Your car is super important, but when you are an exceptional driver, like of course Lewis is as well, you make a difference over your teammate. One that stood out was Tukey when it was very slippery – just staying calm, not making mistakes. You end up winning a race like that and that's what good drivers do. They make the difference compared to other fast drivers [who are] not as good. So, yeah, the car is very dominant in Formula 1 but between teammates, only one can win. That's where you have to make the difference."

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>
> MAX VERSTAPPEN, reigning F1 champion

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,740	17
2	Casper Ruud	23	5,850	23
3	Rafael Nadal	36	5,810	10
4	Daniil Medvedev	26	5,065	19
5	Alexander Zverev	25	5,040	19
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,810	22
7	Novak Djokovic	35	3,570	11
8	Cameron Norrie	27	3,550	24
9	Andrey Rublev	24	3,390	24
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,355	22
11	Jannik Sinner	21	3,200	21
12	Taylor Fritz	24	3,055	23
13	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,950	24
14	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,510	23
15	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,360	18

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 276 ▼ 37 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 335 ▼ 6 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,365	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	5,090	19
3	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,300	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	3,980	24
5	Jessica Pegula	28	3,501	17
6	Maria Sakkari	27	3,480	21
7	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,470	20
8	Coco Gauff	18	3,047	17
9	Simona Halep	30	3,025	19
10	Caroline Garcia	28	2,930	22
11	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,895	21
12	Garbine Muguruza	28	2,776	19
13	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,436	22
14	Belinda Bencic	25	2,335	20
15	Jelena Ostapenko	25	2,325	19

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 325 ▲ 1 spot

Karman Thandi
Rank 359 ▲ 6 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	335	11
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	219	3
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	210	1
4	George Russell	Mercedes	203	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	187	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	168	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	88	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	66	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	59	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
11	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	22	0
12	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
13	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	20	0
14	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	19	0
15	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
17	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	5	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
20	Nyck de Vries	Williams	0	0
21	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	545	12	20
2	Ferrari	406	4	14
3	Mercedes	371	0	13
4	Alpine	125	0	0
5	McLaren	107	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	52	0	0
7	Haas	34	0	0
8	AlphaTauri	33	0	0
9	Aston Martin	25	0	0
10	Williams	6	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	36
2	Kento Momota	99,104	33
3	Anders Antonsen	92,700	31
4	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	34
5	Chou Tien Chen	91,126	33
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	86,279	30
7	Loh Kean Yew	81,594	27
8	Jonatan Christie	79,662	31
9	Lakshya Sen	75,874	34
10	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	70,849	31
11	Rasmus Gemke	69,701	31
12	K. Srikanth	68,431	39
13	Ng Ka Long Angus	68,307	29
14	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,461	29
15	Wang Tzu Wei	64,416	34

Top Indians ▸

Lakshya Sen
Rank 9

K. Srikanth
Rank 12

Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	112,013	31
2	Tai Tzu Ying	110,845	22
3	Chen Yu Fei	105,406	22
4	An Se Young	105,353	36
5	Carolina Marin	96,080	24
6	Nozomi Okuhara	88,810	18
7	P.V. Sindhu	87,218	34
8	Ratchanok Intanon	86,749	32
9	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	37
10	He Bing Jiao	77,684	27
11	Wang Zhi Yi	73,438	27
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,794	43
13	Michelle Li	68,410	31
14	Sayaka Takahashi	61,753	25
15	Mia Blichfeldt	58,599	23

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7

Saina Nehwal
Rank 30

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	R. van der Dussen	789	796
3	Quinton de Kock	784	813
4	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
5	Virat Kohli	744	911
6	Rohit Sharma	740	885
7	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
8	David Warner	725	880
9	Ross Taylor	701	841
10	Steve Smith	697	752

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	775	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	718	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Jasprit Bumrah	662	841
5	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
6	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
7	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
8	Matt Henry	654	691
9	Mitchell Starc	653	783
10	Rashid Khan	651	806

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Mohammad Rizwan	810	815
2	Aiden Markram	792	896
3	Babar Azam	771	796
4	Suryakumar Yadav	755	816
5	Dawid Malan	731	915
6	Aaron Finch	716	900
7	Devon Conway	683	784
8	Pathum Nissanka	677	698
9	Muhammad Waseem	671	703
10	Reeza Hendricks	628	647

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Josh Hazlewood	792	806
2	Tabraiz Shamsi	716	821
3	Adil Rashid	702	746
4	Adam Zampa	698	743
5	Rashid Khan	696	816
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	692	797
7	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	682	682
8	Maheesh Theekshana	680	680
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
10	Akeal Hosein	665	681

KOPPAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (R), KOPPAL

(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institution)
Redg. No. : KOL-S243-2012-13 Dated : 15-03-2013
Website : www.kimskoppal.karnataka.gov.in email :directorkimskoppal@gmail.com
Office : 08539 225522 Office : 08539-225523

NO.KIMS/KOPPAL/SUPPLY/TENDER/BOOKS-JOURNALS/2022-23
Date: 15.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Supply of Medical Journals for the Year 2022-23 for Central Library & Other Departments and Supply of Medical Books under SCP-TSP Scheme to KIMS Koppal eligible tenderers in a two bid system through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
1) **Supply of Medical Books:** Tender No: Kims/Koppal/SCP-TSP/UG-PG/ Books/40/2022-23 Date: 15.09.2022 Last Date for Submission : **01/10/2022**. Technical Bid Opening Date : **03/10/2022**. Tender Approx Cost : **Rs. 52.00 Lakhs.**
2) **Supply of Medical Journals:** Tender No: Kims/Koppal/Supply/Tender/35/2022-23 Date: 15.09.2022 Last Date for Submission : **01/10/2022**. Technical Bid Opening Date : **03/10/2022**. Tender Approx Cost : **Rs. 20.00 Lakhs.**
1) Tender documents may be download from the e-procurement portal from **01/10/2022 from 5.30 PM**. 2) EMD **2.5%** on Quoted Tender Value Further information may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from E-Procurement Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and this office web-site www.kimskoppal.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- **Director,**
KIMS, Koppal

DIPR/KOPPAL/331/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Gadag

E-Procurement Tender Notice

As per Tender Number:- SWD/2021-22/IND1486 Dated: 07.06.2021 Tender is invited through e-procurement in two cover system from Officially registered Eligible suppliers/NGO/Firms to supply food materials for all the Pre-matric & Post-matric Hostels, Aashram and Residential Schools coming under Social Welfare and Trible Welfare Department in Gadag District for the year 2022-23. Tender Details are as below.

Sl. No.	Item Group	Tender No	Approx. amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakh)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Gadag	SWD/2022-23/IND1941	423.57	6.35
2	Mundargi	SWD/2022-23/IND1952	236.82	3.55
3	Ron	SWD/2022-23/IND1953	138.21	2.07
4	Shirhatti	SWD/2022-23/IND1954	133.43	2.00
5	Naragund	SWD/2022-23/IND1955	27.15	0.54

Tender Document can be availed and submitted in website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **15-09-2022 to 15-10-2022 upto 5.00 PM.** For further information please contact office phone No. 08372-231828

Sd/- (Prashant M. Varagappanavar)
Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Gadag

DIPR/GADAG/315/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works:

I) No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/Cys-50 Date: 15.09.2022

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following work **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/32 Dt: 09.09.2022** for Replacement of 1X12.5MVA 66/11KV Power transformer-1 by 1X20 MVA 66/11KV power transformer at 66/11KV sub-station Nayakanahatti in 220KV RS&SS Division Chitradurga on partial turnkey basis excluding the material/ equipment supplied by KPTCL.

II) No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/Cys-51 Date: 15.09.2022

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Reputed Man Power Agency for Man Power Agency for providing Man Power Services for carrying out shift operations & Minor maintenance works for 220/66/11KV station. **Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/22-23/29 Dt: 07.09.2022 Name of the Sub-Station:** 220/66/11KV Hosadurga (Madure) station.

Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement Mode Only. Further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16.09.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774.

Government of Karnataka
(Department of Women and Child Development)
Office of the Child Development Project Officer
Hangal District : Haveri, Karnataka -581104
Phone : 08379-262265 Email : cdpohangal@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಶಿಅಯೋಅ/ಹಾನಗಲ/ಟೆಂಡರ/ಪ್ರ/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14-09-2022

Short Term Re-tender Notification for Supply of Eggs to Anganwadi Centers

(1) Tender Reference No. : CDPOH/EGG/Tender/2022-23 date : 14.09.2022 (2) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** From **14.09.2022** (3) Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in eProcurement Portal : **28-09-2022** up to 5.00 PM (4) Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids : **30.09.2022** 11:00 AM (5) Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids : **03.10.2022** 11:00 AM (6) Place of opening of Tenders : e-Procurement Portal (7) EMD AMOUNT : **237281=00** (8) Total Tender Amount : **15818700=00** (9) Address for Communication : Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Department of Women and Child Development, Navanagara Cross, Taluk Hangal, District HAVERI, Karnataka - **581104** Email : **cdpohangal@gmail.com**

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Hangal

DIPR/HVR/MCA/262/2022-23

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

(ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ)
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08192-251168 e-mail:dudc_dvg@yahoo.co.in

ಸಂ:ಜಿ.ನ.ಕೋ.ದಾ(2)/ಸಿಆರ್/1142/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15-09-2022

ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ 2021-22ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಅಮೃತ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಯೋಜನೆ (ಹಂತ-4) ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಪೌರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಂತೆ ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚರಂಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್‌ಗಳಂತೆ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ (Two Covers System) ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **KW-4** (1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳು:- ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇತರೆ ವರ್ಗದ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಳೆ ನೀರು ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು.ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್: **DMA/2022-23/OW/Work_Indent/132578/Call-2.** ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 17.10.2022. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 19.10.2022. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ:- 21.10.2022. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹತೆ-II ವರ್ಗದು.
ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶದ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಬೇಕಾಪತ್ಯುಂಟಾಗುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾವುದೇ ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ವಾಅಸಂ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/465/ ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AEE-2/AE-1/22-23/3468-73 Date: 15.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bids for the below mentioned bid enquiry Nos:

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Htgly/Hunsur/518 Dt: 14.09.2022 for Providing manpower and maintenance works at 66/11KV & 220/66/11 KV receiving station Hunsur (Thammadhalli) pertaining to TL&SS Division Hootagally KPTCL, Mysuru coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Gangmen/519 Dt 14.09.2021 for providing manpower services for carrying out maintenance services on contract basis at transmission lines, Hootgally and NRM section, KPTCL, Mysuru.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.09.2022.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570007. Ph: 0821-2455018

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building,
K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01 Ph. No. 080-22133370 Fax : 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com Website : www.kpwd.gov.in

Corrigendum Notification No. 20-1/2022-23 Date : 15.09.2022

With reference to this office Tender Notification No.: 20/2022-23 Dated : 14.09.2022. Corrigendum issued with extended Calendar of events and Period of completion of the work are changed as mentioned below.
(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **4.00 pm** Dated : **15.09.2022** onwards. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal before **16:00 hours** on dated **30.09.2022.** **(3)** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal will be on **01.10.2022 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time to be notified.

Sl. No.	Period of completion (including rainy season)	To be read as Period of completion (including rainy season)
1.	18 Months	11 Months

Note : All other condition of tender notification remain unaltered.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PWD Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/2250/Sreshta/2022-23

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣಾ/ ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ. ಘಟಕ, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ರಾಮನಗರ – 562159.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080-27271195, ಇಮೇಲ್ : npcds2018rmg@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜಿ.ಸ.ಕ./ರಾಮನಗರ/15ಎಫ್.ಸಿ./ಎಫ್.ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಸ್./1-2/2022-23
ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14-09-2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಂತೆ ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ "ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ಷೇಮ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಉಪ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ನಗರ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಉಚಿತ ರೋಗ ಪತ್ತೆ ಸೇವೆಗಳ (ಎಫ್.ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.) ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರೋಗ ಪತ್ತೆ ಕಿಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು, ರಾಸಾಯನಿಕಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಕರಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. 1999 ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.
1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಜಿ.ಸ.ಕ./ರಾಮನಗರ/15ಎಫ್.ಸಿ./ಎಫ್.ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಸ್./1-2/2022-23, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14-09-2022. 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14-09-2022. 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13-10-2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆ.ಕು.ಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14-10-2022 ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆ.ಕು.ಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 20-10-2022 ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 6) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 2,66,075/-. 7) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಒಟ್ಟು ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 1,06,43,000/-. 8) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ, ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣ, ರಾಮನಗರ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು. 8) ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

ಸಹಿ/- ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ರಾಮನಗರ.

ವಾಅಸಂ/ರಾಮನಗರ/338/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division,Almatti-586201.
Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044,
No:KBJNL/ALBC-Dn/DM/TND/DH-SCP-TSP/2022-23/1622 Date:12.09.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division Almatti the under undersigned invites tender on **Percentage basis** in single/Two cover system from **KPWD Class-III and above** registered contractors **in KW-1, 2 & 3 documents** for the work **Construction of SamudayBhavanunder SCP and TSP for the year 2019-20 pertains to D. Hipparagi Constituency. Indent No. 23089, 23090, 23091, 23092, 23093 and 23094** and Approx. amount put to tender**for 06 packges**is **:Rs. 137.84 lakhs.**
The contractor can have access and submission of completed e-tender document of from **16.09.2022 to 26.09.2022** up to 5.00 pm. The Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the under signed office on **28.09.2022** at 11.00 AM. The Cover –II (Financial bid) of qualified bidder will be opened in the under signed office on **30.09.2022** at11.00 AM.
The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam **and** www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division,Almatti
ವಾಅಸಂ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/418/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Executive Engineer Office, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, Upper Bhadra Project, Division No.5, Chitradurga.
Phone No.:08194-230102 E-mail:eeubp.d5cta@gmail.com

No.EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-05/CTA/Tender/2022-23/ 929,930,931,932,933 Date:15.09.2022

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, VJNL, Bangalore, from eligible contractor for the fallowing Work. The contractors shall submit the tenders in **Two cover system** Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications Date:20.09.2022 up to 5.30 PM 2) Pre-Bid Meeting Date:21.09.2022 at 11.00 AM,Venue: Chief Engineer, UBP, Zonal office, Chitradurga 3) **Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders up to 23.09.2022 up to 4.00 PM** 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid:26.09.2022 16:30 PM onwards 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: "After Approval of technical bid".For more details please contact 08194-230102 during office hours. Bidders are requested to get updated with the corrigendum /addendum (if any) issued online in the entire tender process at website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Details of work:- (1) Development of Road from Union Park to APMC Market in Chitradurga Constituency.(VJNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 2197) **AMOUNT PUT TO TENDER:-RS.161.04 LAKHS** (2) Construction of Checkdam across nala near Uppanayakanahalli village in Chitradurga Constituency.(VJNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 2198) **AMOUNT PUT TO TENDER:-RS.84.60 LAKHS** (3) Improvement to Gokatte near Nandipura village in Chitradurga Constituency (VJNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 2199) **AMOUNT PUT TO TENDER:-RS.84.47 LAKHS** (4) Construction of CC Road at Ingaladalu, Lingavarahatti, and J.N Kote Villages in Chitradurga Constituency (VJNL/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 2215) **AMOUNT PUT TO TENDER:-RS.84.66 LAKHS** (5) Construction of Checkdam across nala near Ingaladalu village in Chitradurga Constituency (VJNL/2022-23/IW/WORK_INDENT 2216) **AMOUNT PUT TO TENDER:-RS.84.60 LAKHS**

DIPR/CTA/MCA/534/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ (ಜಲ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕೃಮೇಯೋ, ಪುನರವಸತಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.3, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ, (ಕಡಕೋಳ ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ) ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ.

ಸಂಕೃಮೇಯೋ/ಪುವಿ-3/ಯೋ.ವಿ-3/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23/1028 ದಿನಾಂಕ:14-09-2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಕಾಲ್-2 (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ/ ಕೃಭಾ.ಜ.ನಿ.ನಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಂಡಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ (ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-2 ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-3 ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-4 ರನ್ವಯ) ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ www.eproc Karnataka govt.in ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30-09-2022 ರಿಂದ ದಿ:03-10-2022 ವರೆಗೆ ಡೌನಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ಲಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. (ಮೋ ನಂ: 9620892102 ಅಥವಾ 9108335489).

ಸಹಿ/-ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಕೃಮೇಯೋ,ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ-3,
ಕಡಕೋಳ ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ.

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-434/MCA/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ನಂ.5, ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ. ಫೋ: 08192-264669
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: **No: EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB-6/SCP.TSP.JG/ 2022-23 /1593 Dt: 14.09.2022**

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ. ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ರವರು, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರ (1) ರಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 2701 ರಾಜನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಏತ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ದಿ: **14.09.2022** ರಿಂದ **21.09.2022** ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.09.2022** ರಂದು ಬೆಳ್ಗಿಗೆ **12.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.09.2022** ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆ ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 07 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತ – **ರೂ.60.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** ರಿಂದ **ರೂ.200.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಅಸಂ/ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/462/ ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU MAYO HALL (C.H. No.21)
O.S. No. 25507/2021
Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560 068 and represented by its Collection Manager
Mr. Pramod G. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. Liyakath Ali Patan
...DEFENDANT
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Liyakath Ali Patan.
S/o. Shazada, Residing at No.385, 39th D Cross, 4th Block, 8th Main MTB Area, Maithri Apartments Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 041
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 7,15,810.72/- as on 27/03/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble IV Addl, City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore** (CH-21) in personally or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 09/11/2022 at 11:00 a.m. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 13th day of September, 2022
By Order of this Hon'ble Court
Asst./ Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo hall, Bengaluru
Advocate For Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW, ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor, India Express Building No.1, Queens Road, Bengaluru-560001
Cell No. 9845806822
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PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEEPTI** Singh, D/o Service No.JC830001Y, Rank: Nb Sub (GD), Name: Avdhesh Kumar, working in Pioneer Corp Training Center, New Key Location plan, Banasawadi Garrison, Bengaluru-560033 hereby state that I have changed my name from Dipti Singh to Deepti Singh vide affidavit dt: 16.09.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

I, **PINTO** Samuel D O B 10-10-1962 S/o Simon Samuel, R/o #24/27, P. R. Layout, Murugeshpalya, Bengaluru-560017 have changed my name from Pinto Samuel to Samuel Pinto Simon vide affidavit dated 15-09-2022 before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, **POOJA** Khara, 38 years, R/o # C-405, Shriram Green Field, Bommenahalli, Bengaluru-560049 have changed my name from Pooja Mukherjee to Pooja Khare vide affidavit dated 16-09-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

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Phase III: City will have two more road-cum-metro flyovers

BBMP and BMRCL reach consensus on building them to ease traffic congestion; proposed metro corridors will have integrated stations at 6 locations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The city will soon have two more road-cum-metro flyovers. In the proposed Phase III of the Namma Metro line from J.P. Nagar 4th phase to Kempapura, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will construct these road-cum-metro flyovers between Kanakapura Road junction and Sarakki junction over 1.366 km, and another between Kamakya - Ittamadu - Hoskerehalli junction over 1.563 km.

The flyovers with an integrated structure will have roads in the first level and metro corridor in the second level. The BBMP and the BMRCL have already reached a consensus on building the road-cum-metro flyover to ease the traffic congestion.

Under the ongoing Phase II metro project, the BMRCL is building a flyover from Ragi Gudda metro station to Central Silk Board via Jayadeva hospital as part of R.V. Road and Bommasandra metro line. This line is expected to be open by mid-next year.

This also comes shortly after Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced that the National Highways Authority of India will build triple-deck flyovers – two flyovers and a metro lane – on the national highway stretches in the city.

Once the new lines become operational, it is likely to benefit 6.35 lakh passengers in the first year of operations. • FILE PHOTO

Two new lines

Under Phase III, the BMRCL is proposing to construct two new lines. They are between J.P. Nagar 4th phase to Kempapura over 32 km. The line will go on the median of the Outer Ring Road. A total of 22 metro stations are proposed on this new line. The city will get one more new line from Hosahalli to Kadabagere on Magadi Road, the length of the alignment is 12.5 km with nine stations.

Both the lines will have elevated corridors. In 2018, the State government had asked the BMRCL to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the two lines proposed under Phase III. Sources said the DPR has been submitted to the State government for approval.

Once these two lines become operational, it is likely to benefit 6.35 lakh passengers in the first year of operations. To build the new elevated corridor and depot, BMRCL may require over 44 hectares of land. The estimated cost of the project is over ₹16,300 crore.

Integrated stations

As per the plan, the new line from J.P. Nagar to Kempapura will be integrated with the existing metro stations and the proposed metro stations of under construction metro lines at six locations.

Integration of metro stations are planned at J.P. Nagar 4th phase (part Kalena Agrahara - Nagawara line under phase II), J.P. Nagar (an operational metro station part of green line from Silk Institute to Nagasandra), Mysuru Road station (part of operational purple line between Kengeri and Baiyappanahalli), Peenya (part of green line), Kempapura station (part of ORR-Airport line). Another line from Hosahalli to Kadabagere will have an integrated station at Hosahalli (Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji metro station) which is part of the operational Purple Line.

Like ongoing construction of the metro corridor on ORR from Central Silk Board to Hebbal, BMRCL will have many challenges while construction of the proposed new lines as they will be built on busy ORR and Magadi Road. There are multiple traffic bottlenecks on the alignments and the elevated corridor will traverse many flyovers, underpasses and operational green line at two locations Peenya and J P Nagar stations. At Hebbal, the new line will go above the existing Hebbal Flyover.

Namma Metro Phase III highlights

Land required	Estimated cost	Projected ridership	Total length
44.52 hectares	₹16,328 crore	6.35 lakh	44.65 km

Proposed metro stations on corridor 1 from J.P. Nagar 4th phase to Kempapura

- J.P. Nagar 4th phase
- J.P. Nagar 5th phase
- J.P. Nagar
- Kadirenahalli
- Kamakhya Junction
- Hosakerehalli Cross
- Dwaraka Nagar
- Mysuru Road
- Nagarbhavi Road
- Vinayaka Layout
- Papareddy Palya
- BDA Complex Nagarbhavi
- Sumanahalli Cross
- Chowdeshwari Nagar
- Freedom Figher's Colony
- Kanteerava Nagar
- Peenya
- Muthyala Nagar
- BEL Circle
- Nagashetty Halli
- Hebbal Railway Station
- Kempapura

Proposed metro stations on corridor 2 from Hosahalli to Kadabagere

- Hosahalli
- KHB Colony
- Kamakshipalya
- Sumanahalli Cross
- Sunkadkatte
- Herohalli
- Byadarahalli
- Kamath Layout
- Kadabagere

Cong. protests cutting funds meant for Indira Canteen

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and other Congress leaders have taken exception to the BJP government in Karnataka reducing the funding for Indira Canteens.

Both Mr. Siddaramaiah and AICC in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala took to Twitter, tagging an article published by *The Hindu* on Friday. ("Indira Canteen, meant to feed urban poor, is now starved of funds").

Mr. Surjewala wrote, "The story of cheating the Urban Poor... because they can't get 40% commission", making a reference to allegations of kickbacks demanded by people's representatives that Karnataka Contractors' Association has made.

In his tweet, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "By starving funds to #IndiraCanteens started by INC govt, @BJP4Karnataka is also pushing poor people. From ₹145 crore in 2018-19, the funds for Indira Canteen is reduced to ₹60 crore."

FROM PAGE ONE

Plea challenging BBMP ward delimitation dismissed

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar orally said all the petitions are dismissed while stating that the detailed order would be released on September 19.

The petitions were filed by Chamarajpet MLA B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, Shanthinagar Block Congress Committee, BJP MLA M. Satish Reddy, S. Ismail Zabiulla, S.D. Gururaj, and others.

Main contention

One of the main contentions in the petitions is that the division of wards are contrary to Section 7 (1) (b) of the BBMP Act, 2020, which states that wards shall be divided within the constituency of a member of Legislative Assembly and no wards shall be spread over to constituencies.

Another argument was that new wards were created with political bias as the number of wards are increased under the Assembly constituencies represented by the ruling party members, and in some wards represented by the opposition party number wards were decreased.

292 cases against Ola, Uber

Joint Commissioner K.T. Halaswamy said that for the first offence of charging an excess fare penalty of ₹500 is imposed on the drivers. "We will also serve notices asking the taxi aggregators seeking their response. Based on their reply, the department will take further action."

On other hand, the drivers say their earnings remained the same despite the hike in fares.

Krishna Kumar a driver said, "After the pandemic, due to financial difficulties thousands of drivers ended up losing their vehicles after failing to pay the loan. This has resulted in a drastic drop in the number of operational taxis. Though aggregators have increased the fare, we are not benefited. For each trip 30% commission is charged. We are not in a position to meet fuel expenses, maintenance and other expenses. On top of this, the department has illegally allowed bike taxis to operate."

'Social media usage leading to lower self-esteem'

Pointing out that the number of comments on a video's page represents how well these videos are received, Dr. Sharma said frequent use of social media may enhance body dissatisfaction and the desire for losing weight in young adults, making them more vulnerable to health issues.

To enable young people to follow more body positive profiles and have more body appreciation, the article has recommended social media literacy programmes for young people. The literacy programmes should be aimed at preventing social comparison to unrealistic photographs that idealise thinness, fitness, and aesthetic perfection, as well as their negative impact on body image.

Shantharaju Siddegowda, faculty at the Department of Media Studies at Christ University in Bengaluru, who is part of the research team, said SNS, like traditional media, are typically appearance-focused, as users submit images of themselves that are good-looking and beautiful, enhanced by online editing tools.

"The habit of posting selfies or short videos itself seems to have served multiple purposes. If a person takes a selfie or records the self, it is mainly for internally focused motivations, including self-evaluation and other social comparisons. Subsequently, if the same has been done for public consumption, the user tends to be driven by external factors, including attention-seeking, gratification, and validation," he said.

"Histrionic personality tends to be positively associated with the need for social validation and desire to be in the public domain, leading to social media addiction. As a result, many of the photographs shared on social media platforms are idealised and overly attractive, leading to body dissatisfaction among other users. SNS use has been linked to body image problems and disordered eating, according to a growing body of evidence," he added.

Can wizard Potter survive the Bridge curse?

The 47-year-old tactical miracle-worker takes charge at a critical juncture in Chelsea's life. Will he be afforded the patience previous managers at the football club have been denied?

FAST STATS

Potter's record in the Premier League with Brighton reads: 34 wins, 43 draws, 42 losses. It's a creditable showing with a club that doesn't have the budget bigger teams have

* Impressively, he has recorded wins over Man. City, Liverpool, Spurs (3), Man. United (2) and Arsenal (4)

THE POTTER FILE

BORN: May 20, 1975 in Solihull, England

PLAYING CAREER

- Began as a left-back at second-tier Birmingham City in 1992
- Was a part of the Southampton side that a recorded a famous 6-3 win over Manchester United during the 1996-97 Premier League season
- Had spells at West Brom, York City and Boston United before ending his career at League Two Macclesfield Town in 2005

COACHING CAREER

- Worked as technical director for the Ghana women's team at the 2007 World Cup and became assistant coach for Leeds Metropolitan University.
- Named manager of fourth division Swedish side Ostersund in 2010 and guided it the top flight in 2015-16
- Won the Swedish Cup in 2017 and led Ostersund to the Europa League group stage
- Appointed head coach of Championship club Swansea City ahead of the 2018-19 season, where it finished 10th
- Took over at Brighton & Hove Albion in May 2019 and led it to 15th, 16th and ninth, its highest top-flight finish, in his three seasons there

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For some, Graham Potter's appointment as Chelsea manager came out of left field. But for those who work within football, have managed against Potter or are fans of the tactical and analytical aspects of the game, it was a no-brainer.

When you get rid of Thomas Tuchel, widely regarded as an astute and influential coaching mind, you cannot afford to skimp on training-ground pedigree. While Potter wasn't the biggest or most fashionable name available, his work – and the respect it has evoked among truly great managers – convinced Chelsea's top bosses.

Potter was confirmed as Chelsea manager last week, replacing Tuchel – the club's Champions League-winning manager from last year – who was ruthlessly fired by chairman Todd Boehly. The American billionaire, who heads the consortium that completed a 4.25 billion pounds takeover of the club, said he was "thrilled" to bring Potter to Stamford Bridge. "He is a proven coach and an innovator in the Premier League who fits our vision," Boehly said.

Potter was mooted as a candidate for the Manchester United job eventually filled by Erik ten Hag after masterminding Brighton's highest-ever league finish of ninth last season despite operating on a limited budget. Under his stewardship, the Seagulls are fourth this season. But when Chelsea – currently sixth after spending around 250 million pounds in the summer window – came calling, Brighton was unable to stand in his way as he had a release clause in his contract.

Strong reputation

The 47-year-old Potter, who had spells at Swedish side Ostersund and Swansea City before taking charge of Brighton on England's south coast, has earned a reputation as a coach who can significantly improve his players. He is widely admired as one of the country's best tacticians and coaches a brave, entertaining style that has won plaudits if not trophies.

Potter's teams play fluid, progressive football, driven by slick passing, constant rotation and heavy possession – even against 'bigger' teams. But while he emphasises a strong creative identity, he also sets his team up to defuse the opposition's weapons. And, importantly, he is an adept coach of pressing and counter-pressing schemes, a non-negotiable in today's game.

Potter's flexible style, innovative methods and attention to detail at Brighton have won many admirers including Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp, two of the game's most successful managers and also two of its most significant figures, given their influence on its evolution.

"He obviously has a clear idea about football and he is doing a brilliant job," Liverpool manager Klopp said of Potter a year ago. "He has brought a clear identity to how he wants his teams to play. He is an innovator and is adventurous."

Manchester City manager Guardiola's praise was even more emphatic. "We were in front of the best English manager right now," Guardiola said after a fixture between City and Brighton. "As a spectator, I like to watch these teams. I like watching Brighton play. I recognise it. When I was a football player, I would love to play in this team."

With a background in higher education after a modest playing career – it included eight Premier League appearances at Southampton, but was mostly spent in the lower leagues – Potter is reputed for his out-of-the-box approach to man-management.

Not afraid to push his players outside their comfort zone, he once got his Ostersund squad to perform the ballet Swan Lake for the local community. It was in keeping with his philosophy of challenging his players' mental processes and decision-making under pressure and encouraging them to use dance and music as forms of self-expression.

A step up

Potter understandably views his move to London as a step forward in his career, an opportunity, after years with a small purse, to show what he can do with an expensively assembled squad. "It's the start of a really exciting period, I think," he said in an interview with the club's website. "[I spoke with] the new ownership who I was really, really excited with and impressed by. The history of the club speaks for itself, but it's about trying to create that again in our own way. And to compete at the top and try and create a winning team, that's a fantastic opportunity for me."

But while Boehly has been convinced that Potter is the man to instil a long-term ethos and identity throughout the club at the start of the new era, the demands he will face at the Bridge will contrast sharply with those at his previous clubs. Chelsea will give Potter his first taste of dealing with the egos of superstar players, while coping with ultra-demanding new US owners.

"I try to find some common ground, try to build relationships, to try to communicate effectively on a daily basis and build respect, trust and honesty, so my starting point would always be the person first," Potter said, about the challenge of dealing with big egos. "I think that you have to understand that they're human beings first, and the key thing is to try to understand them, understand what motivates them and understand what they're like as people."

Tricky situation

The Englishman is also assuming charge at a volatile juncture in the club's life. It's the first season after the end of the 19-year tenure of Roman Abramovich, the Russian oligarch who had to sell the London club after being sanctioned by the British government for what it called his enabling of Russian President Vladimir Putin's "brutal and barbaric invasion" of Ukraine.

Under Boehly, there has been a restructuring at the top, with the removal of senior personnel such as Petr Cech (technical advisor), Bruce Buck (chairman) and Marina Granovskaia (director), seemingly to ensure the club was breaking free from the Abramovich era.

The upheaval hasn't been confined to the boardroom. There has been significant stress in the dressing room as well. Prior to his sacking, Tuchel's relationships with his players had reportedly deteriorated and there were tensions with the club hierarchy.

It's not the best of circumstances to inherit, and Potter will have to find his feet quickly. "He'll be expected to win every week, to challenge for trophies," said former Chelsea player and assistant coach Jody Morris. "It's totally different to being in a club where you are expected to be mid-table and can go a couple of months without winning a game. You go a couple of games without winning at Chelsea and it'll be totally different."

Potter's first match in charge – a 1-1 draw against RB Salzburg in the Champions League on Wednesday – will have given him a sense of the size of his task. His first night in the Bridge's home dugout attracted more attention and scrutiny than the rest of his career. He was talked about and judged constantly, with 'experts' attempting to read meaning into his smallest twitches. He will need to win to keep the media off his back. It will also be interesting to observe how much patience the club's owners have with him if the results aren't immediately positive.

The tenure question

Boehly did hand Potter a five-year contract and spoke about looking forward to "supporting him, his coaching team and the squad in realising their full potential in the coming months and years". But it remains to be seen whether Chelsea, renowned for regularly changing managers during the previous regime and after Tuchel's swift exit under the current dispensation, allows Potter the time to bed in, so his ideas can take root.

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>
> **JURGEN KLOPP**, Liverpool manager

GAME THEORY

International cricket's most prolific century-makers

Virat Kohli, who ended a century drought that lasted more than 1,000 days at the Asia Cup, pulled level with Ricky Ponting on the list of batters with the most international hundreds (Tests, ODIs, T20Is). The Indian's first T20I ton was his 71st overall. Only Sachin Tendulkar has more

Player	International innings	100s	Break-up: Tests | ODIs | T20Is	Innings per 100
Sachin Tendulkar	782	**100**	51 | 49 | 0	7.82
Virat Kohli	522	**71**	27 | 43 | 1	7.35
Ricky Ponting	668	**71**	41 | 30 | 0	9.41
Kumar Sangakkara	666	**63**	38 | 25 | 0	10.57
Jacques Kallis	617	**62**	45 | 17 | 0	9.95
Hashim Amla	437	**55**	28 | 27 | 0	7.95
Mahela Jayawardene	725	**54**	34 | 19 | 1	13.43
Brian Lara	521	**53**	34 | 19 | 0	9.83
Rahul Dravid	605	**48**	36 | 12 | 0	12.60
AB de Villiers	484	**47**	22 | 25 | 0	10.30
Joe Root	405	**44**	28 | 16 | 0	9.20
David Warner	403	**43**	24 | 18 | 1	9.37
Chris Gayle	551	**42**	15 | 25 | 2	13.12
Sanath Jayasuriya	651	**42**	14 | 28 | 0	15.50
Rohit Sharma	431	**41**	8 | 29 | 4	10.51
Younis Khan	491	**41**	34 | 7 | 0	11.98
Shivnarine Chanderpaul	553	**41**	30 | 11 | 0	13.49
Matthew Hayden	348	**40**	30 | 10 | 0	8.70
Ross Taylor	510	**40**	19 | 21 | 0	12.75
Steve Smith	320	**40**	28 | 12 | 0	8.00
Mohammad Yousuf	432	**39**	24 | 15 | 0	11.08
Tillakaratne Dilshan	527	**39**	16 | 22 | 1	13.51

SOURCE: espncricinfo.com

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Comic relief

Papa Smurf, the mascot for the Allianz Memorial Van Damme 2022 in Brussels earlier this month, strikes a pose, as competitors in the 1 Hour Men Final streak past him.

The event, which was part of the 2022 Diamond League series, chose Papa Smurf because of the character's Belgian connection. He is one of the protagonists of the Smurfs, a Belgian comic franchise, which, as the kids know, deals with the adventures of a fictional colony of small, blue humanoid characters who live in mushroom-shaped homes in the forest.

Mascots are typically animal-inspired characters, played by human beings in costume.

In sport, mascots have been used by teams and tournaments – most notably by the Olympics, the football World Cup and American franchises – for a variety of reasons.

They give a tangible form to the team or event's identity, spirit and personality. They also bring with them an air of festivity and are popular with children; many mascots develop a fan following for their high-jinks, designed to entertain the audience during breaks in play.

In addition to their entertainment value, mascots also offer valuable commercial potential – in terms of merchandise sales – especially if they are well-loved.

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Swachh Bharat Mission

Launched in 2014. The mission's objective is to achieve safe sanitation in urban and rural areas by eliminating open defecation across India and making all cities garbage-free.

Karnataka:
Amount Spent: Rs.4,156.42 Cr
Beneficiaries: 49.54 lakhs

Mudra Yojana

The scheme provides loans of up to Rs 10 lakh to small entrepreneurs through banks, small finance banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and microfinance institutions.

Kisan Samman Nidhi

Launched in 2019. The scheme assures a financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year to the eligible farmer families. The money is transferred directly to the bank account of the beneficiaries.

Karnataka:
Amount Spent: Rs.9,968.57 Cr
Beneficiaries: 53.83 lakhs

Jan Dhan Yojana

Launched in 2014, the scheme ensures access to various financial services like availability of basic savings bank account, need-based credit, remittances facility, insurance and pension to the excluded sections, i.e. weaker sections & low-income groups.

Karnataka:
Total Accounts: 1.56 Cr
Deposited Amount: Rs.5,821 Cr

Ayushman Bharat

Launched in 2018. PM Jan Arogya Yojana Ayushman Bharat is the world's biggest government sponsored healthcare scheme. Provides health coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family annually to poor and vulnerable families.

Karnataka:
Amount Spent: Rs.1,332.10 Cr
Beneficiaries: 20.30 lakhs

Atal Pension Yojana

The scheme focuses on unorganized sector workers in the age group of 18 to 40. Under the APY, a guaranteed minimum pension will be given at the age of 60 years, depending on the contributions by the subscribers.

Karnataka:
Beneficiaries: 22.06 Lakhs

Prime Minister Modi's flagship programmes to transform the life of every Indian

Smart City Project

Under this project, 100 cities have been selected to develop into smart cities, and the goal is to make these cities sustainable and citizen-friendly.

Karnataka:
Amount Spent: Rs.2,431.18 Cr

Awas Yojana

Launched in 2015. The scheme aims to construct 80 lakh houses by FY 2022-23.

Karnataka:
Amount Spent: Rs.4,149.22 Cr
Beneficiaries: 2.22 lakhs

Ujjwala Yojana

Launched in 2016. Under this scheme, cooking gas cylinders have been provided to millions of low-income families without any deposit. The project has helped eight crore women from low-income families.

Bima Yojana

Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) & PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

Launched in 2015. PMJJBY offers life insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh, while PMSBY offers accidental death or total permanent disability cover of Rs 2 lakh and permanent partial disability cover of Rs 1 lakh.

Karnataka:
Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana: Amount Spent: Rs.741.42 Cr, Beneficiaries: 49.95 Lakhs
Suraksha Bima Yojana: Amount Spent: Rs.144.12 Cr, Beneficiaries: 1.10 Cr

Kaushal Vikas Yojana

The scheme encourages aptitude towards employable skills and increases the working efficiency of probable and existing daily wage earners.

Karnataka:
Amount Spent: Rs.61.31 Cr
Beneficiaries: 35,658

Make in India

Launched in 2014. This initiative encourages companies to develop, manufacture and assemble products made in India and incentivize dedicated investments into manufacturing.

BJP Karnataka

Police arrest 105, recover 928 mobile phones worth ₹86L

Drive held following rise in mobile snatching offences in city

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Four divisions of the city police have over the last one month arrested 105 individuals and recovered 928 mobiles they had snatched from the public totalling to a worth of ₹86 lakh.

This comes close on the heels of the Central Crime Branch busting a mobile snatching gang of three men hailing from Assam and recovering 621 phones worth ₹50 lakh, two days ago.

These were part of a special drive held over the last one month on the instructions of city Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy, following a spate of mobile snatching offences in the city recently, sources said.

Mr. Reddy, at a press conference on Friday, announced the recovery of 928 mobiles worth ₹86 lakh by four divisions. The Central Division Police arrested 30 individuals and recovered 121 mobiles, West Division Police arrested 30 individuals and recovered 334 mobiles, South Division Police arrested 33 individuals and recovered 342 mobile phones, and North Division Police arrested 12 individuals and recovered 131 mobile phones. The police said mostly, bike-borne gangs snatch mobile phones from pedestrians who are talking on the phone while walking.

UNESCO team concludes visit to Hoysala temples

It covered Belur, Halebid, and Somanathapur temples

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The UNESCO team, including an expert from International Commission on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), visited the 13th century Keshava temple at Somanathapur in Mysuru district on September 16 before concluding its tour of Hoysala monuments in Karnataka.

The visit is a precursor to the ICOMOS expert, Tiang Kian Boon, submitting his report to UNESCO, which will decide whether the monuments could be accorded the World Heritage Site tag, possibly some time in 2023.

Tiang Kian Boon, ICOMOS expert, taking a close look of the sculptures embellishing the Keshava temple at Somanathapur in Mysuru district on Friday.
• SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Nominations

The Chennakeshava temple at Belur, Hoysaleshwara temple at Halebid and Keshava temple at Somanathapur are India's nominations for the World Heritage Site tag. Of these, the temples at Belur and Halebid have been in UNESCO's tentative list since 2014.

Specific queries

At Somanathapura, Tiang Kian Boon had specific queries regarding the architecture of the temple and the sculptures. He was apprised of its salient features by a team of officials comprising Jahnwij Sharma, Additional Director General (Conservation and Scientific Preservation), Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

A team from INTACH-Bengaluru, which prepared the dossier for submission to UNESCO, including Pankaj Modi, architect, Meera Iyer, convenor of INTACH-Bengaluru, and Aravind Chandramohan, co-convenor, briefed Tiang Kian Boon in the presence of Mysuru district Deputy Commissioner Bagadi Gautham and A. Devaraju, Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage.

Tiang Kian Boon also met local stakeholders, including representatives from Somanathapura village, who were asked to spell out their concerns, if any.

Bagadi Gautham translated the views of the local community for the benefit of the ICOMOS expert.

The local community was positive in their views on the evaluation by UNESCO and expressed optimism that development of tourism would benefit villages in the vicinity. The local representatives opined that the historic monument, with its sublime architecture, was being appreciated only by the locals. If upgraded as a World Heritage Site, it would be universally known, and bring fame and pride to the village as well.

Tiang Kian Boon appreciated the opinion of the villagers and said that it synced with the UNESCO'S views on shared universal values.

The villagers wanted the process of according the World Heritage Site tag to the temple to be expedited, but aired concerns about relocation.

However, their fears were allayed by the State Tourism Vision Group.

The local community was informed that the ASI would continue to be the custodian of the monument, and not UNESCO, as suspected by a few villagers.

But the stakeholders were apprised of the imperatives of adhering to certain ASI norms and guidelines in the surrounding areas so as to preserve the aesthetics of the monuments.

On September 17, the UNESCO team will meet officials of the Karnataka Government, including the Chief Secretary, in Bengaluru.

Man arrested on charge of sexual assault

He misbehaved with a 11-year-old girl

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Vishwanathapura police arrested a 36-year-old man for sexually assaulting a 11-year-old girl from his village in the outskirts of the city on Wednesday.

The accused had gone to drop his son to a tuition class and found the girl at the class.

The accused citing a medical emergency reason in her family took the girl on the pretext of dropping her home and on the way tried to assault her in an isolated place. The girl screamed for help, prompting a few villagers working in a nearby field to rush to her help. Sensing trouble, the accused abandoned the girl and fled the scene.

The villagers consoled the victim and handed her over to her parents.

Based on the complaint by her parents, the police registered a case against the accused charging him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and later tracked him down in Ananthpur in Andhra Pradesh where he was hiding.

- The accused took the girl from tuitions on the pretext of dropping her home and on the way tried to assault her in an isolated place.

The accused is unemployed, married and has a son who also goes to the tuition class where the victim was also going.

Teacher counselled

The police have counselled the tuition teacher to take due diligence while sending the students out with non-family members.

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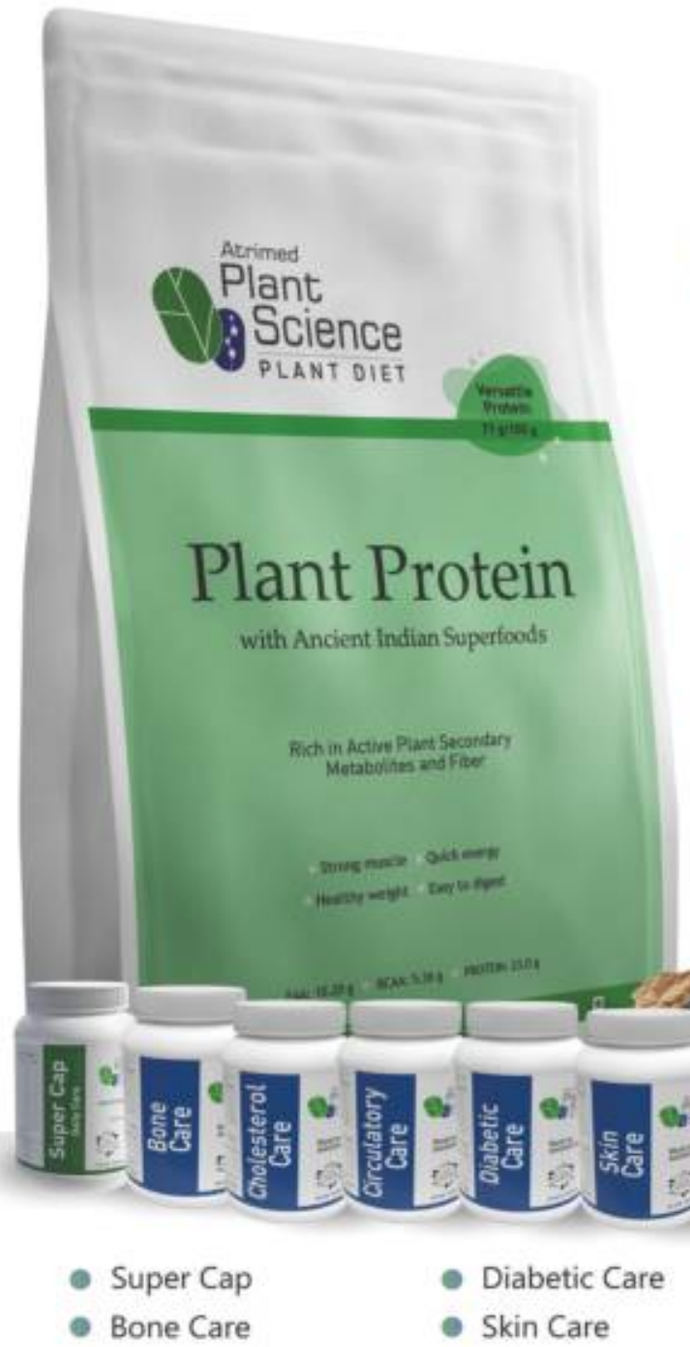

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BBMP stops anti-encroachment drive in Mahadevapura zone

Civic body starts resurvey; property owners had contested encroachment claims

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

After the claims of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanaga Palike (BBMP) regarding encroachment were disputed by many, including Wipro, Bagmane Tech Park and other prominent builders, the civic body on Friday said it would stop the demolition drive in the Mahadevapura zone and take up a resurvey.

The BBMP has begun surveying the properties in Vagdevi Layout, Munnekollal, Kasavanahalli village, ABK village, Prestige tech park, Wipro, Sunny Brooks in Doddakannelli, Belathur village, Sadaramangala, Bollineni Silas apartment, and Sai Garden layout. BBMP officials said, "The survey will be completed in a couple of days, and then, the encroached area will be marked."

BBMP removing illegal structures in Bengaluru on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Notices to be issued

After the survey, the BBMP will share details with the tahsildar, and notices will be issued to the encroachers. Three days will be given to the property owners. After that, the drive will continue, as per rules, said Basavaraj Kabade, BBMP chief engineer at Mahadevapura Zone.

BBMP had carried out a survey in August earlier this year and marked out 15 properties, including Wipro, Bagmane Tech Park, and other high-profile properties as encroachers of storm-water drains and served them notices. However, since the high-profile property owners are questioning the survey findings, a resurvey of these properties is being carried out.

However, there is no such resurvey in other zones, nor other property owners being given prior notice or a chance for legal recourse. Another BBMP official said survey of other properties is delayed because of shortage of surveyors.

Demolition drive continues

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

BBMP continued the anti-encroachment drive on Nellagadaranahalli road in the Dasarahalli zone where 11 encroachments were cleared on Friday.

In the Yelahanka zone, BBMP officials cleared encroachment in Kuvempunagara word, Singapura layout. The civic body continued the drive and completed the removal of encroachments in Landmark apartment in the Yelahanka zone.

With most encroachments removed, how did it flood?

'Data submitted by BBMP to HC is a gross undercount'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

According to data submitted by the city's civic body to the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday, Mahadevapura zone, one of the most densely developed areas over the last two decades and the worst hit by floods earlier this month, had 1,689 encroachments of storm-water drains in 2016-17, the highest for any zone by a large margin that day, when the clearance drive began.

But today, it has only 133 encroachments left, the rest have been cleared over the years, the civic body told the High Court.

If most of the encroachments in Mahadevapura zone were already cleared, why was it indeed the worst affected area during the recent heavy rains and resultant floods, many lake conservation activists have now questioned.

"How is it possible that only about 100 encroachments are identified to be cleared when almost the whole Mahadevapura zone is flooded after rains," lake conservation activist V. Ramprasad, of Friends of Lakes, asked. He termed the data submitted by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike to the High Court as a "gross undercount" and demanded that the State government form a committee with technical experts to unearth the real extent of encroachments of the SWD network in the city. It should have hydrologists and hydrogeologists as its members and be mandated to conduct a technical survey across the city.

> **How is it possible that only about 100 encroachments are identified to be cleared when almost the whole Mahadevapura zone is flooded after rains.**
> V. RAMPRASAD
> Lake conservation activist

However, BBMP engineers claimed the number of encroachments in Mahadevapura zone was true to ground reality and not undercounted. The region is hit by floods due to extremely heavy rainfall during a short interval of time and flooding cannot be only attributed to encroachments.

Meanwhile, senior BBMP officials, who did not wish to be named, also conceded to a possible undercount. A senior BBMP engineer told *The Hindu* that the data submitted to the High Court was the result of an on-ground survey conducted by the civic body in 2016 and it may be partial. Several drains are there in the revenue village maps but may have completely disappeared and no sign of it on the ground, which may have not figured in the BBMP survey. Only a joint exercise between BBMP and Revenue Department using revenue village maps and an on ground survey will yield the full picture, he said.

BMTF registered 91 cases

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bengaluru Metropolitan Task Force (BMTF), vigilance agency for civic bodies in the city mainly to check land grabs, has registered 91 cases of illegal encroachments, including those of storm-water drains and lakes, this year till Friday. Meanwhile, the task force received around 700 petitions, which are presently under inquiry, said K. Ramachandra Rao, ADGP, BMTF.

Activists point out BMTF has mostly been ineffective and needs more teeth to act against encroachers.

Don't take action against Bagmane Tech Park till it is given chance to respond: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the BBMP not to take coercive action against M/s Bagmane Tech Park on the alleged encroachment of storm-water drains (SWDs) till an opportunity is given to it to respond to the report of the survey on encroachments of SWDs conducted by the Assistant Director, Land Records and Survey Settlement.

Justice Hamant Chandangoudar passed the order on the petition filed by M/s Bagmane Developers Pvt Ltd, which has alleged that the BBMP officials are trying to demolish compound walls of the tech park by giving oral instructions without conducting any survey or issuing prior notice on the allegation of alleged encroachment of SWDs.

It has been alleged in the petition that allegation of encroachment of SWDs was levelled against the developers and occupants of neighbouring residential housing project called Purva Parkridge, developed by M/s Puravankara Projects Pvt Ltd., from more than a decade ago and several notices also came to be issued to them.

The petitioner has claimed that it had in June 2022 complained to the BBMP on flooding in its tech park due to encroachment of SWDs by Purva Parkridge. And owners of some villas in that residential area had approached the High Court, which in August 2022 had directed the BBMP to conduct a fresh survey as the villa owners complained that survey was conducted without prior notice to them.

It has been contended in the petition that BBMP officials issued oral communication to it on September 9, 2022, on their intention to demolish the compound wall for allegedly encroaching SWD.

However, the BBMP counsel said the survey was conducted by the Assistant Director on September 14 after issuing notice to the petitioner and owners of villas in Purva Parkridge. Following this, the court directed the BBMP to provide the copy of the survey report to the petitioner and take action, if it was found that they had encroached SWD, after giving an opportunity to respond to the survey report.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials marking an encroached space in Bengaluru on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

IN BRIEF

Power shutdown

BENGALURU

There will be no power supply on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in view of carrying out maintenance work. The areas to be affected are: 66/11 KV Primal sub station: 2nd Block, 7th Block, 11th Block, RGI Infrastructure, 1 and 2, 9th A and B Block, Gear School Road and surrounding areas.

Teaching 'Vedic' maths for SC/ST students temporarily stopped

THE HINDU IMPACT

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State government has temporarily stalled its decision to introduce 'Vedic' mathematics for Scheduled Caste (SC) Scheduled Tribe (ST) students from Class V to VIII in government schools in gram panchayat limits.

The Hindu on September 16 published a report on the government's plans to conduct these classes using Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds set aside by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RDPR). Several Dalit activists and students' unions had raised objections to such "diversion" of funds.

The Department of School Education and Literacy passed an order on Saturday that the classes will not start until further orders. Block Education Officer (BEO) of Shidlaghatta taluk, where a teachers' training programme was held for maths teachers to conduct 'Vedic' mathematics classes, has in a communique to executive officer of taluk panchayat stated, "As per the government order, we had successfully conducted Vedic mathematics training programme for 25 teachers in the taluk. However, the government has temporarily withdrawn the programme."

As per the earlier order, 25 SC/ST children in each gram panchayat limit were to be taught 'Vedic' mathematics. The government had entrusted this programme to AVM Academy of Hiriyur.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CAD/CN/BNC/72/2022
Dated:10-09-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
I. Power supply and lighting arrangements for the construction of Road Over Bridge / Road Under Bridge in lieu of LC 64, LC 44 and LC 71 along with various electrical miscellaneous work in between Hindupur - Penukonda Section.	Rs. 78,05,971/-
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III. Power supply and lighting arrangement for the proposed construction of Road Over Bridge / Road Under Bridge in lieu of LC-6 Near Channasandra.	

Tender No. ECN-41-2022

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 07-10-2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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For more details please visit E-Tender website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, http://www.saisouth-bangalore.com.

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 03.10.2022 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/- Regional Director I/C

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, item rate e-tenders are invited for following work:

Title of Work	**Construction of compound wall at ISRO HQ, Antariksha Bhavan, Bengaluru.**
Tender Notice No.	**CMG/ISRO-HQ/C/M/17/2022-23 dated: 16.09.2022**
Estimated Cost put ot tender	**Rs.11,90,000.00**
Period of Completion in months	**Three (03) Weeks**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	From **18:10 Hrs on 16.09.2022** To: **23:59 Hrs on 22.09.2022**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**up to 15.00 hrs on 26.09.2022**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**16:30 Hrs on 29.09.2022**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 23,800/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Tender Notice on **www.isro.gov.in/tender** Detailed tender notice and tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG, ISRO HQ

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Sl.No.	Description	Details
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2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/33/2022-23 dated: 15.09.2022
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 10.40 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
5	Period of completion	TWELVE MONTHS
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 20,800/- valid for 180 days
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 16.09.2022 to 16.30 hrs on 27.09.2022
8	Bid clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 17.09.2022 to 17.00 hrs on 28.09.2022
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 29.09.2022
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 30.09.2022
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	14.30 hrs onwards on 30.09.2022

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
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Three persons killed in separate road accidents

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BENGALURU

Three persons were killed in separate accidents in the city since Thursday.

A pharmacy student was killed when he rammed his bike into a speeding lorry and both vehicles caught fire near Sanjay Nagar in the wee hours of Friday. The deceased has been identified as Suman Banik, 21, hailing from Tripura. He was a pharmacy student also working as a medical representative in the city.

Around 3.45 a.m., Suman Banik was speeding in the wrong direction a one-way street on the Ballari Road, and rammed his bike into a lorry. He fell down and sustained severe injuries. The lorry, also moving at a high speed, dragged the bike over 100 metres and both the vehicles caught fire. The lorry driver jumped out of his cabin, and escaped unhurt. Fire tenders put out the blaze, and passers-by took Suman Banik to a nearby private hospital, but was declared dead.

In another accident, a youth hailing from Tripura, Sripasa Nama, 23, who was trying to cross the busy Begur Main Road was hit by a minibus and was killed on the spot on Thursday night. The minibus driver abandoned the vehicle and fled from the scene. Madiwala traffic police have registered a case and are on the hunt for the driver.

In the third accident, a senior citizen, Narayanappa, 67, was run over by a speeding bike when he was trying to cross a busy street in Kamakshipalya after he got down from a bus from his hometown Dobspet on Thursday night.

KREDL bags two awards at Neerman Awards

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) has bagged two awards at the Neerman Awards 2022, instituted by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in collaboration with Indo-Swiss (BEEP-Building Energy Efficiency Project).

According to a release, KREDL's new office building has been awarded the national level NEERMAN Award under the category of "Exemplary performance : Electrical and Renewable Energy". KREDL has also been presented with a Special Award under the "State award category- I" in the NEERMAN Award 2022.

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Farmers get time to regularise unauthorised cultivation of land

More than seven lakh applications seeking regularisation pending in Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 2022, was passed in the Legislative Assembly for providing one year extension for regularisation of unauthorised cultivation of government lands under Form 57.

The Bill proposes that Section 94-A provide relief where tahsildar concerned can issue the order of grant of land for the unauthorised land cultivated by farmers. However, the official cannot grant land that is lying within 18 km radius of the BBMP, 10 km radius of city corporations, and 5 km radius of municipalities.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Demand from legislators

Revenue Minister R. Ashok said many legislators have demanded the extension of the scheme since applications were not received following parliamentary elections in 2019 and poll code. A provision was made to allow applications from March 17, 2018, to March 16, 2019, for those lands which were being cultivated prior to January 1, 2005.

The Bills seeks to replace an ordinance which was promulgated on May 30, 2022.

The Minister said more than seven lakh applications from farmers seeking regularisation of cultivation of unauthorised lands were pending. More than a dozen members spoke and welcomed the Bill which extends the term for receiving applications by one more year. Mr. Ashok said the government would take back six lakh hectares of deemed forest land from the Forest Department and give it to farmers who had undertaken cultivation on such lands.

The Forest Department has declared nine lakh hectares as deemed forest land and later it has agreed to return six lakh hectares to the Revenue Department. He said planters who have developed coffee plantations on unauthorised lands would be given land on a lease basis, which would earn revenue to the government. The Kerala government initiated the model, he said. Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah said his government had planned to handover plantations on unauthorised lands on lease basis but could not implement it.

Protection to depositors

The Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2022, was passed in the Assembly on Friday. It aims to amend the 2004 Act (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) to replace an Ordinance.

Any offence under the Act is cognizable and non-bailable. It aims at clubbing of all FIRs, if multiple FIRs are registered either in one police station or various police stations, for fraud. It seeks to file a single case against the same accused or the same financial establishment. The Bill seeks to empower special courts to try the accused, who may be charged under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, at the same trial.

MLAs who refuse to do party work will be 'rested': DKS

'They will not be given ticket to contest 2023 Assembly polls'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Friday issued a stern warning to party legislators and leaders that they would be "rested" in the coming Legislative Assembly elections if they do not work and mobilise people in support of the 'Bharat Jodo yatra' launched by Rahul Gandhi, MP.

Mr. Shivakumar said some legislators, including former Minister and MLA R.V. Deshpande, have refused to send party workers to the yatra which will enter Karnataka on September 30. All leaders who refused to do party work during the yatra would not be given a ticket to contest 2023 Assembly elections, Mr. Shivakumar warned.

Speaking at a meeting organised to make preparations for the 'Bharat Jodo yatra' here, Mr. Shivakumar is learnt to have taken a dig at the supporters of former Chief Minister SIddaramaiah and said that there are some legislators in the party "who are not ready for a day's work."

D.K. Shivakumar

■ Party leaders have to mobilise people in support of the 'Bharat Jodo yatra', the KPCC president said.

Two MLAs a day

The KPCC chief said daily two MLAs have been attached with Mr. Gandhi during the yatra in the State. "You work if you are an aspirant for a ticket in the next elections. Don't put neither mine nor Siddaramaiah's photographs, you work for the party," he told party workers.

"The party will prefer to give ticket to youngsters next year," Mr. Shivakumar said, and told party workers to join the yatra in large numbers.

At Badanavalu

On account of the yatra, KPCC working president R. Dhurvanarayan said Gandhi Jayanthi this year would be celebrated at Badanavalu village in Nanjangud of Mysuru district. Mahatma Gandhi visited the place near Nanjangud in 1932. Every year, the party celebrates Gandhi Jayanthi at the party office in Bengaluru.

Priyanka to join

Mr. Shivakumar said AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi will join Karnataka's leg of the yatra. Ms. Gandhi will hold conversation with women workers of the party during the yatra. Senior leaders, including former Chief Minister M. Veerappa Moily, attended the meeting.

Free medicine for leaf spot disease

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Taking note of the outbreak of leaf spot disease of areca in Malnad region, the State government has announced distribution of free medicine for tackling the disease.

Addressing a joint press conference on Friday, Horticulture Minister Munirathna, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, and Fisheries Minister S. Angara, after they held consultation in this regard with officials concerned, said a decision had been taken to conduct a survey to know the extent of loss suffered by areca farmers due to leaf spot disease.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of providing financial assistance to farmers who have suffered crop devastation due to the disease, the Minister said.

Sriramulu: No accidents reported in State owing to use of high beam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

No cases of accidents caused due to use of high beam in vehicles had come to the notice of the government, Transport Minister B. Sriramulu told the Legislative Council on Friday.

Responding to a question from BJP member Y.M. Satish, he said a fine of ₹500 was being levied on those using high beam indiscriminately. Claiming that the number of cases where high beam was being used had come down due to awareness among public, he said that while about 8,000 cases had been detected in 2019, it had come to 703 in 2022 (till August).

He also said that the number of high accident prone black spots on the highway in the State had come down from 942 to 342 during the same period after rectification works were taken up.

B. Sriramulu speaking in the Legislative Council on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Revision of salary

Mr. Sriramulu announced that the government will hold consultation and decide on revision of salary for employees in State-run transport corporations.

"Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is also keen on it. The last revision of wages took place in 2016. A committee set up by the government has submitted a report," he told the Council in reply to a question by BJP member D.S. Arun. He said that the transport corporation was not in good financial condition after COVID-19 as the operating cost has become high due to increase in diesel price and the corporations have not revised the fare.

The Janata Dal (Secular) on Friday accused the government of delay in ordering CID inquiry into the ₹110-crore scam in the Transport Department involving the payment of lifetime tax for luxury vehicles in the State.

JD(S) member Manje Gowda said that though the government promised to handover the case to the CID, it had still not done so. "In case of accusations of 40% commission in public works, you demand proof. When there is proof, no action is being taken," Mr. Gowda said. Stating that the government was misleading on the issue, he said that he has brought it to the notice of assurance committee.

In response, Mr. Sriramulu said: "There has been no effort to shield anyone. For any inquiry, audit reports are required and we are speaking to Accountant General's office to conduct audit of 11 RTOs in Bengaluru. Once audit report is ready, I will handover the matter to the CID." As on date, he said, 226 cases have been registered in the issue of lifetime tax for luxury vehicles.

Inter-faith couple demand action against those who disrupted their marriage

The accused allegedly assaulted the groom and termed the marriage 'love jihad'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

The inter-faith couple, whose marriage was stopped allegedly by Bajrang Dal activists, have demanded that the police take stern action against those who intervened in their marriage.

Chaitra and Jaffar, who appeared before the media in Chikkamagaluru on Friday, said that they have been in love for the last three years and decided to get married as their families had agreed.

On September 14, Chaitra and Jaffar of Lakshmipura went to the sub-registrar in Chikkamagaluru. A group of Bajrang Dal activists stopped their marriage and took the boy out of the office. The accused allegedly assaulted Jaffar and termed the marriage as 'love jihad'.

Chaitra and Jaffar submitted an application to register their marriage in Chikkamagaluru on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Following police intervention, Chaitra was put in a women's rehabilitation centre and Jaffar filed a complaint against those who stopped the marriage. The police arrested the accused Shama, Guru, Prasad, and Parthibha. However, they have been released on bail. Chaitra told the media that the police had kept her in the rehabilitation centre for her safety. "Our families have agreed to our marriage and we will get married soon," she said.

Narrating the incident at the office of the sub-registrar, she said she was in shock as the accused pulled Jaffar out of the office and attacked him. "They asked Jaffar why he wanted to marry a Hindu girl who belonged to the Scheduled Caste. Who are they to intervene in our marriage?" she said. When asked if she would convert to the Muslim religion, Chaitra said she would accept the religion stating that it was the duty of "the wife to accept the husband's religion".

"The accused are roaming free. The police should take action against them," Jaffar said. He said he had not thought of either changing Chaitra's name or religion. "We will think about it later," he added.

Leaders of the Dalit Sangharsha Samiti and the SDPI have come out in support of the couple and held a press conference demanding the district administration take action against the accused.

Chaitra and Jaffar submitted a fresh application for their marriage at the office of the sub-registrar in Chikkamagaluru on Friday. The officer said to have informed the couple that there would be one month's time to receive objections, if any.

Leaders of the Dalit Sangharsha Samiti accompanied the couple.

'18.5L farmers opted for Fasal Bhima Yojane in 2022'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As many as 18.5 lakh farmers in the State have opted for Fasal Bhima Yojane in 2022, nearly seven lakh more farmers registrations than in 2021, Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil on Friday informed the Legislative Council.

His reply came to a question from Congress member Harish Kumar, who pointed out that the numbers had been progressively falling in the years since the scheme was launched in 2016. He said: "The numbers has fallen from 29 lakh to 14 lakh as farmers in distress were not receiving insurance amount for their crop losses. The claims were being rejected for reasons such as wrong entries in RTC."

The Minister said efforts were being made to create awareness about crop insurance, and directions had been issued to insurance firms to have representatives present at Raitha Samparka Kendras in the State.

Recruitment scams: BJP launches counter-attack

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Scams being unearthed in recruitment for government departments is taking new twists as the heat is picking up for 2023 Assembly elections.

While the Opposition Congress has levelled a series of allegations about involvement of BJP leaders in the recent scam in police sub-inspectors' recruitment, rthe uling BJP on Friday released documents to show that there was a scam in recruitment of teachers during the erstwhile Congress government led by Siddaramaiah from 2013 to 2018 too.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, BJP State general secretary and MLC N. Ravikumar, and State spokesperson and MLA P. Rajiv shared details related to the alleged scam in recruitment of teachers.

11 teachers

They alleged that an inquiry by the present dispensation had brought to light that 11 teachers had been recruited illegally during the Siddaramaiah-led regime. "Some of the teachers had not even applied, while some others did not have the merit," Mr. Ravikumar alleged. *The Hindu* had reported on this issue on September 14.

Taunting Mr. Siddaramaiah over this, he wondered if the Congress leader would own up moral responsibility for the recruitment scam that took place during his regime. He pointed out that FIRs had already been filed against "illegal teachers". He alleged that a scam had taken place in recruitment of police sub-inspectors too when Mr. Siddaramaiah was the Chief Minister. The BJP would soon release documents in this regard, he said.

He alleged that the scam with respect to teachers' recruitment could not have taken place without the misuse of power by the then Congress government.

15-day health campaign from today

It will create awareness about non-communicable diseases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

To screen and create awareness about non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the State, the Health Department will take up a 15-day health campaign starting Saturday.

The campaign will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday.

Health Minister K. Sudhakar, who held a video conference with DHOs of all districts and top officials of the Health and Medical Education Departments on Friday, instructed them to focus on screening of various health parameters and diseases in all health facilities right from primary health centres to super speciality hospitals.

Additionally, the campaign will push to vaccinate children, increase the rate of vaccination for the booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine which is currently at 20%, encourage blood donation and organ donation pledges, distribute Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka cards, and raise awareness about the importance of general check ups and regular testing for non-communicable diseases, said a release.

Begging at traffic signals has reduced: Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Social Welfare Minister Srinivas Poojary on Friday informed the Council that the issue of woman-child beggars at traffic signals in Bengaluru has been brought down by 90%.

He said that an estimated 600 such beggars had been identified and 90% of them have been brought under control. "It has been found that the children carried by beggars were in many cases not their own, but taken on 'rent.' The children were also drugged," the Minister said.

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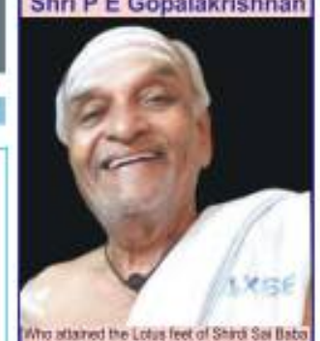

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 13/2022-23, Dated: 16.09.2022

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.

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3	C2 - 5264 / Call-2// 29-07-2022	providing selection of agencies –Bharat Bill Payment operating units (bbpous) for collection of electricity bill payments for CESC hrough BBPS platform.

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5	C2- 5297, Dated: 09-09-2022		K.R.Pete
6	C2- 5298, Dated: 09-09-2022		Nagamangala
7	C2- 5299, Dated: 09-09-2022		Sakaleshpura
8	C2- 5300, Dated: 09-09-2022		Beluru
9	C2- 5301, Dated: 09-09-2022		Arakalagudu
10	C2- 5302, Dated: 09-09-2022		Hanuru
11	C2- 5303, Dated: 09-09-2022		N.R.Mohalla
12	C2- 5304, Dated: 09-09-2022		Hunsuru
13	C2- 5305, Dated: 09-09-2022		Nanjanagudu
14	C2- 5306, Dated: 09-09-2022		Channarayapattana

Sl. No.	Enquiry No.	Nominclature of the work	Name of the Taluk
1	C2- 5307, Dated: 09-09-2022	Providing manpower services for the work of Reading of Energy meters in consumer installation and issuing electricity bills on the spot in the O&M sub divisions coming under the jurisdiction of O&M Division, CESC, Madikeri	Gonikoppa
2	C2- 5308, Dated: 09-09-2022		Madikeri
3	C2- 5309, Dated: 09-09-2022		Kushalnagara
4	C2- 5310, Dated: 09-09-2022		Virajpete

Works:-

Carrying out Ganga Kalyana & Water Supply Works on Total Turnkey Basis

Sl.No.	Division	Sub Division	Enquiry No. / Date
1	Arasikere	Arasikere	C2- 5312, Dated: 09-09-2022
2		Banavara	C2- 5313, Dated: 09-09-2022
3		Gandsi	C2- 5314, Dated: 09-09-2022
4	K.R.Pete	K.R.Pete Rural	C2- 5315, Dated: 09-09-2022
5	Maddur	Malavalli-1	C2- 5316, Dated: 09-09-2022
6	Chamarajanagara	Santhemarahalli	C2- 5317, Dated: 09-09-2022
7	Kollegala	Kollegala	C2- 5318, Dated: 09-09-2022
		Yalanduru	C2- 5319, Dated: 09-09-2022

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal http//www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **19-09-2022** For clarification contact help desk **080-46010000/22631200/68948777** or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

Sd/-
General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/479/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12648/CALL-3 Date: 12.09.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited from eligible tenderers/contractors through e-procurement portal from agencies for the work of **Supply, Installation and commissioning of Air Conditioners & Water coolers with accessories for different locations of RTPS-ARC basis**. EMD: **Rs. 53,680/-**. Last date for receipt of tenders: **20.09.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid (Part-I): **21.09.2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid (Part-II): **22.09.2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** All relevant details are available in the e-portal: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (LT)-1**, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96537, E-mail: eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in ; eelt1rtps@gmail.com

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ

ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ.ಕಾ/ಟಿ.ವಿ-4/ಟೆಂಡರ್-19/2022-23/2034 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.09.2022

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)

ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-4) ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **18.10.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: **19.10.2022 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (3) ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **20.10.2022 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (4) ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: **27.10.2022 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ**

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: **5054-MDR Improvements (Appendix 'E')**
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: (1) 151694

(ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-4) ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ e-proc ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕಾರವಾರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ

DIPR/ADK/MCA/417/22-23 dt.14.09.2022

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation
CE : Division : Mysuru

No. KST.EEM.JE/337/2022-23 Date: 16.09.2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 12/13/14/15/16/2022-23

Percentage tenders are invited for the Tender Notification No. **12 and Item-wise Tenders are invited for the Notification No. 13, 14, 15 and 16 works** mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act KTTP Ordinance Act 1999 and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through e-procurement. The contractors/firms will have to upload all required information/documents and rates etc in the website only i.e. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. No documents will be accepted manually.

Sl. No	Name of the works	Approx. amount put to tender (in lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs)
1.	Repairs to Gundlupet bus station toilet block (2nd call)	Rs. 4.47	Rs.11,175/-
2.	Repairs to Dharmasthala bus station toilet block (Reserved for Schedule Caste) (2nd call)	Rs. 8.04	Rs.10,050/-
3.	Repairs to Subramanya bus station toilet block (Reserved for Schedule Tribe) (2nd call)	Rs. 8.04	Rs.10,050/-
4.	Construction of septic tank and soak pit at K R Pete bus station.	Rs. 5.80	Rs.14,500/-
5.	Construction of compound wall for vacant bus stand land at Vijayanagara.	Rs. 33.91	Rs.67,820/-

(1) Last date for receipt of tenders : **28.09.2022** (2) Interested bidders can login to the website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. for details on or after **20.09.2022**. (3) Any other information required can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Nelson Mandela Road, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours. Telephone No. 0821-2498828.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, KSRTC, CE Division, Mysuru

DIPR/CP/2205/Zankar/2022-23

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 02-2022-SLC-GSU-MYS

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Mysuru-Interlocking of 3 Nos. of LCs (LC No. 190 between Kodaganur - Tolahunse, LC No. 104 between Kumsi - Anandapuram and LC No. 81 between Yeliyur - Byadarahalli Stations.	Rs. 1,38,47,060.82

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 10-10-2022**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Project Manager/S&T/Gati Shakti Mysuru

PUB/353/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client **Sri.MAHESH S.Y S/o.Mr.S.G.Yellappa**, No.202, D N Enclave, Banjara Main Road, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043 is intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from **Smt.ROSIE D'SOUZA & Sri.ANTHONY CYRIL V** both children of Late.Sri.Vincent D'Souza. Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Site No.1844 in the Layout Plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority dated 26.08.1988 in several survey numbers at Kodigehalli, Kothihosahalli and Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk named as SAHAKARA NAGARA Bangalore Measuring 40 Feet x 60 Feet, in all measuring 2400 Square Feet and bounded on the :

East by : SITE No.1845, West by : SITE No.1843, North by : Road, South by : SITE No.1849

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845848428

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

TENDER NOTICE NO. S/20/2022-23 Dated. 14-09-2022. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works. **SN.1. Tender No.** 40/22/0468B/OT/59/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Brushless DC Railway Carriage Fan, 110 V DC, 400 mm Sweep fixed type conforming to RDSO Specn. No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/TL/0021-2005 (Rev.3) Amndt. 1. **Closing/Opening date: 05-10-2022. SN.2. Tender No.** 40/22/0382/OT/60/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Sealed maintenance free battery 1100 AH VRLA type with inter cell and end cell connector comforming to RDSO's Specification No.: RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0009-2014 (Rev-2) **Closing/Opening date: 05-10-2022. SN.3. Tender No.** 30/22/0333A/OT/61/2022-23. **Brief Description:** Head stock complete for BG/ICF, Mat. Spec.- As per Drg No. ICF/STD-1-2-001, Column-III, alt-L/5 or Later. **Closing/Opening date: 10-10-2022. SN.4. Tender No.** 37/22/0707/OT/62/22-23. **Brief Description:** Non-Asbestos "L" Type Composite Brake Block for Freight Stock RDSO's Specification No: WD-13-ABR-2006 with Amendment No 2 of September-2016. Drawing No. WD. 99062-S-01, Alt-4. **Closing/Opening date: 10-10-2022.** For details please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in**

PCMM, Maligaon

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IN BRIEF

Rahul's assurance to workers in cashew sector

KOLLAM

Cashew sector, a traditional industry of Kerala, is facing an unprecedented crisis and the grievances of the labourers will be presented in the upcoming parliamentary session, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has said.

4 die due to asphyxiation in abandoned well in A.P.

BANTUMILLI

Three labourers and the house owner died after reportedly inhaling some poisonous gas when they went into an abandoned well to clean it, in Bantumilli village of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh. According to residents, all the four entered the well one after the other and died of asphyxiation.

Kerala HC slams PWD for potholed roads

In the wake of two-wheeler rider's death, court asks engineer to explain the delay in road repair

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Slamming the Public Works department (PWD) and the State government for the shoddy upkeep of roads, the Kerala High Court on Friday asked how many more people must die in accidents caused by potholes.

The court observed this orally in the wake of a two-wheeler rider getting killed on Wednesday on the ill-maintained Aluva-Perumbavoor-Munnar Road. The rider fell into a pothole on August 20 and succumbed to injuries in a hospital on Wednesday.

Pathetic state: Vehicles trying to navigate a potholed stretch in Kochi. The Kerala High Court has slammed the PWD for the shoddy upkeep of roads. • THULASI KAKKAT

'Collectors responsible'

He is the latest victim of potholed roads in the State. Questioning the efficiency of the department's engineers, Justice Devan Ramachandran wondered why engineers had been posted in the department.

People dying or suffering injuries due to inaction of engineers cannot be condoned, he said.

On the 'apathy' of engineers who mostly travel in official vehicles, he directed the engineer concerned to present himself before the court on Monday to give reason, if any, for the delay in repairing the corridor.

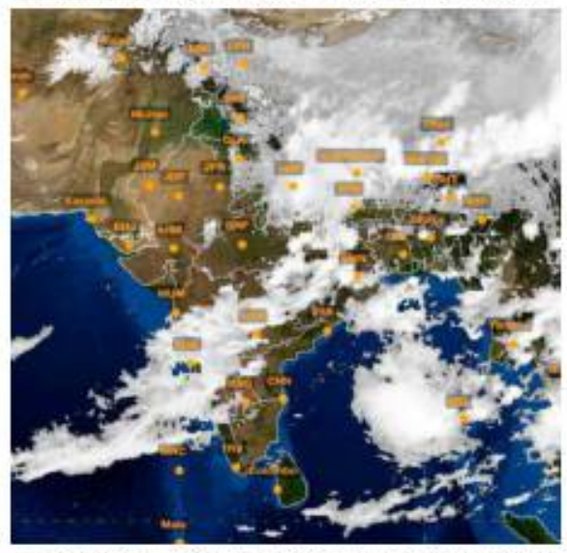
He also spoke of summoning the District Collectors concerned to the court, if roads in Kerala continued to remain ill-maintained, since they too were responsible to ensure safe roads. He further demanded that the Ernakulam District Collector submit a report on the plight of the road as had been directed.

He said people dying because of bad roads, at a time when governments were speaking of development, was shocking. "It appears that we are living in the 18th century," the judge said.

Responding to the counsel for the government saying that the son of the accident victim had hinted at the deceased having had low blood sugar, the judge said the victim must not be further demeaned.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, east Uttar Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	4	31.8	26.0	Kozhikode	0.4	33.5	24.9
Ahmedabad	–	32.3	24.8	Kurnool	–	32.4	24.2
Aizawl	–	26.4	–	Lucknow	160	27.6	24.4
Allahabad	–	31.9	25.8	Madurai	–	36.4	23.5
Bengaluru	–	28.0	20.0	Mangaluru	8.8	29.3	29.4
Bhopal	37	25.8	22.5	Mumbai	39	27.0	24.4
Bhubaneswar	–	33.7	25.2	Mysuru	–	30.8	20.4
Chandigarh	9.6	32.6	24.2	New Delhi	4.1	25.9	22.5
Chennai	–	37.2	28.1	Patna	10	31.6	25.1
Coimbatore	–	32.3	22.5	Port Blair	7	30.5	23.4
Dehradun	20	26.7	21.6	Puducherry	–	36.7	25.2
Gangtok	0.9	22.2	17.7	Pune	18.5	23.2	21.0
Goa	5	30.5	24.8	Raipur	–	31.2	25.0
Guwahati	3	34.9	26.0	Ranchi	0.6	31.4	23.0
Hubballi	–	27.0	21.0	Shillong	26	24.1	17.3
Hyderabad	–	30.0	22.1	Shimla	10	21.3	14.9
Imphal	4	29.3	20.3	Srinagar	–	30.1	14.2
Jaipur	–	35.4	24.0	Thiruvananthapuram	–	31.3	23.8
Kochi	–	30.2	24.4	Tiruchi	–	36.5	25.0
Kohima	9	23.5	17.3	Vijayawada	–	34.6	26.2
Kolkata	0.3	33.9	25.9	Visakhapatnam	–	32.6	27.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	79	42	1.5	129	156	
Bengaluru	7	23	1.4	138	145	
Chennai	3	34	101	148	106	
Delhi	12	56	5.5	140	146	
Hyderabad	9	26	2.5	133	178	
Kolkata	10	14	2.0	145	163	
Lucknow	17	31	9.4	113	116	
Mumbai	–	19	106	116	118	
Pune	–	25	7.2	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	14	39	5.1	163	101	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Kochi, Kerala recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 214 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Former Gujarat CM meets KCR

Shankersinh Vaghela says he will support Telangana CM at the national level

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has said that he will continue as Chief Minister while playing a role in national politics to bring about a qualitative change in governance.

He gave this assurance to former Chief Minister of Gujarat Shankersinh Vaghela at a five-hour long meeting here on Friday.

Coming together: Shankersinh Vaghela with Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao in Hyderabad on Friday.

Earlier, Mr. Vaghela expressed complete support of senior leaders like him at the national level for Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao's efforts to repulse "atrocious politics" of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In fact, he was sent by the senior leaders after consultations to welcome Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao in national politics.

The leaders were anguished by the selfish politics of the BJP and its consequences on the people of the country. There was opposition to divisive administration and political programmes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi all over the country. It was not right for progressive people to remain mute spectators at this stage, Mr. Vaghela said.

There was an "autocratic rule at the Centre marked by giving a go by to the federal set up" of the country. Senior leaders like him were helpless to the situation as they did not have the right person nor platform to stem the rot, he said.

Mr. Vaghela praised Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao's commitment to take Telangana to greater heights despite hurdles created by the Centre. The Centre had instilled fear in the leadership of all non-BJP ruled States in a bid to see that they surrendered. Therefore, it was time to end the anti-secular and anti-federal policies of the Centre, he said.

He also said the Congress was in no position to provide the right leadership to check the BJP because it failed to take other parties along.

TIDEL Park to come up in Madurai, says Stalin

It will be established at cost of ₹600 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MADURAI

A new TIDEL Park will be established on five acres at Mattuthavani in Madurai at a cost of ₹600 crore in the first phase, and it will provide quality infrastructure to information technology and fintech companies, Chief Minister, M.K. Stalin said on Friday.

Speaking at the *Thol Koduppom Thozhilukku* Madurai regional conference organised by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, he said it would generate 10,000 jobs and boost the economy of the region. It would be expanded on another five acres in the second phase.

Mr. Stalin said the TIDEL Park Limited, along with the Madurai Corporation, would float a special purpose vehicle for setting up the facility. It would be operated by TIDEL Park Limited.

Recalling that former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi sowed the seeds of the information technology revolution in the State by opening the TIDEL Park in Chennai in 2000, he said another TIDEL Park was opened in Coimbatore. The government was in the process of setting up neo-TIDEL Parks in tier 2 and tier 3 cities such as Tiruppur, Thoothukudi, Villupuram, Thanjavur, Salem, Vellore and Udhagamandalam.

THE HINDU

PROPERTY PLUS

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http://www.thehindu.com/features/homes-and-gardens

It's World Bamboo Day tomorrow. This fast-growing plant is sustainable construction material, says bamboo promoter Sanjeev Karpe as his latest construction with the material a bamboo-roofed building, comes up in Qatar for the 2022 FIFA World Cup. By **PRIYADARSHINI S.**

A leg-up for bamboo at 2022 FIFA World Cup

As the 2022 FIFA World Cup draws near (November 20) bamboo specialist Sanjeev Karpe is a man in a hurry. His organisation, KONBAC (Konkan Bamboo & Cane Development) is working in full swing to complete the 34,500 sq ft false ceiling of the building that will house the players.

"It's a big thing for bamboo," says Sanjeev who has been in the field of popularising the humble woody grass for the past 18 years. Sanjeev works with almost 10,000 farmers in the Singur district of Maharashtra and is currently working with the farmers of Marathwada.

"It is high time the material is seen not as a poor man's alternative but a rich man's privilege. A culture of bamboo should be created. It should be used in a range so that it gets an image makeover," he adds.

On World Bamboo Day, September 18, KONBAC will hold a three-day workshop on the Jaipur Campus of Manipal University where architects will talk to students about its versatility and sustainable properties.

Large space

Earlier this year Konbac's construction arm - Jans Bamboo Product Private Limited- constructed a banquet hall to seat 500 for the Raja Rajeshwari Temple near Hubballi in Karnataka. In 2021 it built a one lakh square feet campus for the Forest Department at Chandrapur in Maharashtra and in 2018 a bamboo restaurant, featuring "floating dining pods" for luxury brand Waldorf Astoria in the Maldives.

"For so many years we have called it an inferior raw material," says Sanjeev pointing out that it was used only as a scaffold.

In a turnkey project, the structure in Qatar is being built on-site. "We are using the smallest diameter bamboo in the country for the ceilings as per the design," says Sanjeev.

According to him, China has made great strides in the use of bamboo for construction and 15 years ago it built an airport with the material, for Spain, in Madrid.

Closer home and what Sanjeev terms to be the "gamechanger" is the 12 lakhs 30,000 square feet terminus of Bengaluru International Airport, to be ready in the next two years. The structure that's under construction will have bamboo-clad columns and roofing, "almost 40 per cent of the building will use bamboo.

Designed by a US-based architect, the size, design and scale will change the image of bamboo in our country," says Sanjeev pointing at its versatility and use in a range of products like windmills, blades and bulletproof jackets as in China. He also speaks of the high-end luxury brand Gucci's promotion of bamboo in jewellery- earrings, bracelets, goggles and belts. "Their leather purse has a bamboo handle and they have chosen to call it a bamboo bag. They are giving importance to the material," he says.

New product

A new product with huge impact, being made by China, is the 30 feet diameter pipe that can be used to transport water or fuel, says Sanjeev.

Konbac encourages farmers to grow the *dendrocalamus stocksii*, a graceful mid-sized non-thorny bamboo species mainly found in Central Western Ghats. A valuable multi-purpose species, it can be used as a substitute for cane and rattan in the bamboo-based furniture industry.

"To grow bamboo is the future," Sanjeev says pleased that things are changing drastically for the bamboo and Indians need to be proactive and usher in the image makeover for bamboo.

> Bamboo should be used in a range so that it gets an image makeover

Uptick in leasing

CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd., India's leading real estate consulting firm, today released its 'Indian Realty - Charting the growth roadmap for 2022' report at CII Realty 2022 - 18th Edition of Conference Real Estate. The CBRE-CII joint report highlights key trends and projections for the Indian Real Estate sector for 2022.

Leasing activity across real estate assets has witnessed an uptick in H1 2022 and is expected to grow further in H2 2022.Office space absorption outlook revised upward from previous projections and is expected to touch 53-57 million sq. ft. by the end of 2022

RE investments grew by 4% Y-o-Y in H1 2022 to USD 3.4 billion; Investments to touch USD 6 billion by the end of 2022, metros continued to account for a bulk of investments

Retail witnessing robust recovery due to unleashing of pent-up demand and continued strength of e-commerce; Y-o-Y growth of 166% caused leasing activity to touch 1.54 million sq. ft. in H1 2022. Strong supply pipeline lined up for H2 2022.

The residential sector is likely to witness both sales and new launches to reach a decadal peak in 2022 and cross the 200,000-mark.

Industrial & Logistics (I&L) sector to clock a growth of 12% on an annual basis, with leasing activity remaining range-bound at 28-32 million sq. ft. in 2022

In H1 2022, flexible space operators accounted for over 6 million sq. ft. of office leasing activity in India. Their stock in India to cross 80 million sq. ft. by the end of 2025.Mr. Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO, India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE, said, "The real estate sector in India performed well in H1 2022 amid the evolving market dynamics. As economic recovery continues to gain momentum, we expect a further boost to the leasing activity across the sectors. We estimate alternative segments such as flexible space will pave the way for innovative new age RE solutions and supplement economic growth. Robust policy and regulatory environment will encourage overall infrastructure growth in the long term."

Office

As markets reopened across India, enquiries and inspections picked up pace and the quantum of RFPs across cities grew. This buoyancy was particularly visible in Q2 2022, which witnessed record leasing activity - space take-up grew by 220% Y-o-Y in Q2 2022 to 18.2 million sq. ft. Overall, in H1 2022, 29.5 million sq. ft. of leasing activity was recorded, up 157% Y-o-Y. Given the growth, we expect gross absorption to rise to the 53-57-million sq. ft. range by the end of this year, a revision from our previous prediction.

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Eat and learn

Tamil Nadu's breakfast scheme is a good model for other States to follow

Sometimes the ability of a government to find resources for a good scheme is only limited by its intent. The Tamil Nadu government's launch of the free breakfast scheme for schoolchildren is an instance of a policy initiative with far-reaching consequences for school education and public health. As Chief Minister M.K. Stalin himself said at the launch of the scheme, provision of free breakfast is not a freebie, but the foremost duty of a government to ensure no child goes hungry. Mr. Stalin framed his words and deeds from the promontory of the progressive Dravidian model, which promises inclusive growth for all segments of the population. A key element is the welfare of children, which explains Tamil Nadu's early emphasis on feeding children in schools. The importance of a daily breakfast as the most important meal of the day is widely acknowledged. Multiple studies across the globe indicate that eating breakfast regularly confers positive outcomes on students, affecting their ability to focus, learn and retain information positively. School performance improves, as do behaviour and cognition, but a regular breakfast also takes care of diet quality, micronutrient sufficiency, anaemia and height and weight issues in children, and is even believed to sculpt BMI scores for the future. The government has targeted providing schoolchildren an average of 293 calories and an average protein input of 9.85 gm per day. The mid-day meal that is already being provided to students in schools comes up to an average of 553 calories and 18 gm of protein, giving every student who takes the food supplied in school about 846 cal and nearly 28 gm of protein a day. The Centre's midday meal guidelines prescribe between 450-700 cals per child per day, and a protein intake of 12-20 gm per day.

While the proposed menu for the Tamil Nadu government's breakfast scheme will take care of hunger, the calorific, energy and micronutrient requirements of the children, with a diet rich in local preparations and vegetables, it also has to provide adequate attention to taste and quality parameters. The government, rich with its experience of dealing with the mid-day meal scheme over several decades, must avoid the errors of omission and commission – including pilferage, poor quality of food, delays in sanctioning funds, and caste-related disruptions – that have been hurdles in its path earlier. Other State governments would also do well to be inspired by Tamil Nadu, which has allowed its intent to triumph over the state of its finances, finding money to fund this very crucial aspect of nation building – ensuring the growth and development of children.

The oppressor's wrong

Nothing can really scandalise a court peopled by judges of integrity

"Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel?" asked Alexander Pope, wondering if strong means were needed to beat a petty adversary. The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has taken a sledgehammer to deal with YouTuber and blogger 'Savukku' A. Shankar, and sentenced him to a six-month jail term for some Tweets targeting the judiciary. As political commentary goes, his style of presenting his views is indeed quite trenchant. With a know-it-all air, he goes about giving purported background material, insinuating deals and designs behind developments, often without substantiation. It is no surprise then that he got into trouble. In his defence in the *suo motu* contempt proceedings, Mr. Shankar said his comments were aimed at questioning the under-representation of Dalits in the judiciary, and the excess representation to Brahmins, and that taken as a whole, his comments were aimed at improving the system. The court would have none of it, and deemed his comments contumacious. It noted that he expressed no regret or repentance, but affirmed that he would continue to speak about the judiciary after his release even if sent to prison. Even though Mr. Shankar made a personal insinuation against Justice Swaminathan, what really counted was his sweeping charge against the entire judiciary. This could have been dealt with by the Principal Bench in Chennai as the allegation was general in nature, but, unfortunately, it was posted before a Bench headed by Justice Swaminathan, who was the judge aggrieved by the earlier Tweet.

The purported logic behind courts retaining the power to punish for contempt is to save the institution from scurrilous attack so that the public does not lose its faith and trust in the judiciary. However, recent experience, as well as public criticism by former judges and legal luminaries, shows that the principal source of public disenchantment with the judiciary is the conduct of courts and judges. In 2018, four judges of the Supreme Court publicly accused the Chief Justice of India of misusing his power as Master of the Roster to influence the outcome of cases. Can there be anything more scandalising to the judiciary? Former judges and lawyers routinely pen articles questioning the commitment of the apex court to issues of personal liberty and even hint at complicity and cravenness before the executive. Is there any point in going after laymen voicing their disenchantment with judicial wrongdoing? Criminal contempt is usually closed either by the court's tolerance or the contemnor's remorse, but, regrettably, neither happened in this case. If the court viewing any display of magnanimity as a sign of weakness is the 'oppressor's wrong', the defendant refusing to express regret is the 'proud man's contumely'. In truth, any conviction for criminal contempt is unwarranted, for nothing can really scandalise a court peopled by judges of integrity or save the image of a compromised institution comprising tainted individuals.

The consequences of declining fertility are many

A below replacement level fertility rate would mean a smaller dividend window than expected

SANTOSH KUMAR DASH & SIDHARTH R.

Though the global population, in terms of numbers, has been steadily increasing – some reports suggest that it could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030 – there is an interesting aspect to this: average global fertility has been consistently declining over the past 70 years. The average number of children per woman in the reproductive age group has declined by 50%, from an average of five children per woman in 1951 to 2.4 children in 2020, according to the World Population Prospects 2022 by the United Nations population estimates and projections, and prepared by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

This is the result of speeding up the social phenomenon of demographic transition. Poorer countries seem to be speeding up the transition ladder a lot faster than the richer ones. Britain took 130 years to transition from a fertility rate of five per woman in 1800 to two in 1930, whereas South Korea took 20 years from 1965 to 1985 to achieve the same. The newly released World Population Prospectus notes that the global fertility rate fell from three in 1990 to 2.3 in 2021. Sub-Saharan African countries are expected to contribute more than half the population growth after 2050 and grow through 2100. Most advanced economies have their fertility rate below the replacement rate of 2.1, with South Korea reporting the lowest at 1.05 children per woman.

The Indian setting is no different, with its fertility rate falling below the replacement level for the first time to 2.0 in 2021, according to the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS). The rate has dipped 10% in just five years.

At the time of Independence, India's fertility rate was six per woman, and it had taken 25 years to reach five, with the government launching the first ever family planning programme in the world in 1952. India's fertility further declined to four in the 1990s when Kerala became the first State in India to have a fertility rate below replacement level; slowly, other States followed suit. As reported by the NFHS 2021, only five States have a fertility rate above the replacement rate: Bihar (3), Meghalaya (2.9), Uttar Pradesh (2.4), Jharkhand (2.3), and Manipur (2.2). The steady dip in fertility rates has been explained as an effect of increased use of contraception, more years of average schooling, better health care, and an increase in the mean marriage age of women.

Many economic implications

Countries in the earlier stages of demographic transition find positive effects of lower fertility on income as a major portion of the workforce moves to modern sectors of the economy with fertility dipping. Lower fertility rates can be viewed as both a cause and consequence of economic development. Lower fertility impacts women's education positively, which in turn lowers the fertility of the next generations. With better infrastructure development, better health care, and education, fertility drops and income rises. The spiral of lower fertility leads to a window of time when the ratio of the working-age population is higher than that of the dependent age groups. This high proportion of people in the workforce boosts income and investment, given the higher level of saving due to lower dependence.

S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

The falling fertility rate will also lead to lower pressure on land, water and other resources and would also contribute to achieving environmental goals. After the window where a country reaps the benefits of the demographic dividend, the huge working age population moves to old age, supported by fewer workers.

Japan was the first country to experience the implications of falling fertility rates. The increasing dependency ratio has led to near zero GDP growth since the 1990s, and the country is facing fiscal challenges to meet rising social security costs. Other Asian countries such as South Korea are now reporting lower fertility than Japan which is now optimistic about having managed the lower fertility without moving to an utter demographic collapse.

A fall in fertility rate beyond replacement level would have a negative effect on the proportion of the working population, which in turn will affect output in an economy. A rise in education and independence among women would enhance their labour participation, which could arrest the fall in labour participation up to a limit. An influx of immigrants from countries with higher population growth could also play a positive part.

The impact of fertility drop on productivity is also highly debated. While a higher level of education and technological advancement in areas including artificial intelligence could increase the productivity of the lower working age population, a paper, "The End of Economic Growth? Unintended Consequences of a Declining Population", by Stanford economist Charles Jones argues that falling fertility could diminish the creative capacity of humankind. He points to the need for ideas in technological advancement and productivity boost, which even artificial intelligence is still not capable of.

An ageing population will also affect global interest rates negatively as the share of people over 50 years will form almost 40% of the population by 2100. In their book *The Great Demographic Reversal: Ageing Societies, Waning Inequality and an Inflation Revival*, economists Charles Goodhart and Manoj Pradhan explain how falling fertility will have a positive effect on inflation through higher wages due to lower labour supply and a change in the nature of unemployment inflation trade-off, as now low inflation can be maintained even with low unemployment.

The book also takes a different view on the impact of lower fertility on public finance. Popular theory suggests increased pressure on governments due to a high dependency ratio. The book puts up an alternate narrative of the fall in government debt due to lower savings of households and corporates due to higher dependency and the government thus running on surplus than deficit banking on the logic of accounting and higher inflation.

Dealing with fertility decline

The fall in fertility around the globe has been a result of decades of demographic process, and hence needs scientific and sustainable policies for mitigation. Even though there is looming pessimism about a lower fertility rate, there are ways to get the most out of it and diminish its negative effects. The advancement in health care and better nutrition around the world have increased the life expectancy and productivity of older citizens. Reforms in the labour market to induce more flexibility in the labour market would encourage working women to have more children and non-working mothers to enter the labour market.

Countries across the globe are experimenting with policies to boost fertility. Germany found success in boosting births through liberal labour laws, allowing more parental leave and benefits. Denmark offers state-funded IVF for women below 40 years, and Hungary recently nationalised IVF clinics. Poland gives out monthly cash payments to parents having more than two children, whereas Russia makes a one-time payment to parents when their second child is born. Russia also reinstituted the Soviet-era 'Mother Heroine' title, who bore and raised more than 10 children amounting to almost a one-time payment of ₹13 lakh.

In perspective

Though the benefits of demographic dividend are being reaped, the below replacement level fertility rate would mean a smaller dividend window than expected. Although India's working-age population will continue to grow for many more decades, it would need to keep an eye on fertility dips. Liberal labour reforms, encouraging higher female labour force participation rate, and a higher focus on nutrition and health would ensure sustained labour supply and output despite lower fertility. India, like other countries in the globe, would need to be equipped to aid the patter of more tiny feet sooner or later.

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Remember Periyar with a pledge to embrace dissent

With majoritarianism on the rise, the iconoclast's ideas on debate and rationality of thought are more relevant than ever

K. KANIMOZHI

We celebrate Periyar E.V. Ramasamy's birth anniversary (September 17) as Social Justice Day. At a fundamental level, I consider this a day for recalibrating our vision for a world where social justice and rationality define "the best possible version of truth" for a large majority of people. Even Periyar would have wanted us to question every concept and framework in the world, and not accept anything, because someone told us so. He converted interested crowds into keen listeners, listeners into avid thinkers, and thinkers into principled politicians and die-hard activists. Even those who did not enter the political fray tried to understand why he was steadfast about what he stood for.

Vision for the future

When he presented his thoughts, there was nuance, honesty, and an explicitness, which prompted even people practising different faiths to discuss and debate his ideas on rationality and religion. Periyar himself said, "Everyone has the right to refute any opinion. But no one has the right to prevent its expression."

Periyar is often referred to as an iconoclast, for the rebellious nature of his ideas and the vigour with which he acted. His vision for the future was a part of all his actions. He did not merely aim at the eradication of social evils; he also wanted to put an end to activities that do not collectively raise standards of society. The radical nature of his ideas drew constant opposition.

Here, I would also want to debate some of the concepts propounded by Periyar. It is good that we refer to Periyar as an iconoclast and not an icon, because he would have dismantled that notion of an all-powerful icon himself.

He was one of the pioneering voices against the Kula Kalvi Thittam introduced by the then Chief Minister C. Rajagopalachari. It was not just a political statement; Periyar felt that it would encourage divisions based on caste that might cause irreparable damage to the social fabric. Kula Kalvi Thittam proposed to impose on schoolchildren a method of education, wherein students would learn their family's profession as part of the school curriculum. The proposal led to an uproar in the State led by voices such as Periyar and C.N. Annadurai. It was withdrawn and a message was sent to the wider world that Tamil Nadu stood united when it comes to caste oppression-related issues.

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Foundation of rationalism

Periyar's vision was about inclusive growth and freedom of individuals. He was an important ideologue of his day because of the clarity in his political stand. More importantly, he understood the evolution of political thought and was able to glide through time with this. He presented rationalism as a solid foundation for thinking along these lines. He said, "Wisdom lies in thinking. The spearhead of thinking is rationalism."

Periyar was way ahead of his time. All the reforms he shared with people could not be implemented at the time because of the searing discussions they led to. It took years for the ideas to take shape in a way that could be implemented.

One such reform measure he felt was needed to change the caste dynamic in society was 'Priesthood for all castes'. Has the opposition to such ideas been reduced in a way? Not really. But we shall continue to maintain a civil debate for the overall betterment of society, as Periyar said.

The struggle against the eradication of social evils takes several decades and Periyar with his idea of meaningful rebellion has guided me to play a part in this movement. It will be a guiding force for every student reading Periyar too. "Whomsoever I love and hate, my principle is the same. That is, the educated, the rich and the administrators should not suck the blood of the poor."

Periyar said, "Any opposition not based on rationalism or science or experience, will one day or other, reveal the fraud, selfishness, lies, and conspiracies." We can posit this with regard to the extreme-right activities we see happening across the country and sometimes abroad too.

Violence against minorities

On one level, a few people are benefiting greatly from the rampant rise of acts of violence against minorities. These people have such an external defence mechanism that it becomes easy for them to use incendiary rhetoric and get away with it. The discussion that Periyar initiated continues to-date, and is the antithesis to this manner of societal regression. Periyar proclaimed that he would always stand with the oppressed in the fight against oppressors and that his enemy was oppression.

There have been several social reformers in Tamil Nadu who shared their revolutionary thoughts with the people in the past century. In that spectrum, Periyar occupies a unique place because he made interactions of multiple worlds possible. The world of social reform movements interacted with the world of people's politics when Periyar took over a stage or when he wrote. He focused on the progress of Tamil Nadu and was clear that it would be a never-ending journey.

Spaces for debate are shrinking all over the world. Majoritarianism and populism are not enabling sensible conversations in any public sphere. At such a time, Periyar stands as a stellar precedent, reminding us of a time when people with opposing ideas were invited to the stage for a debate. As a part of creating a society with social justice at its core, let us pledge to create open spaces for discussions in our communities. If need be, let us spearhead such activities on whatever scale. Only these spaces have the potential of creating a positive change at an ideological level.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Breakfast, in school

The breakfast scheme launched by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister for students of Classes I to V in government schools in the State is not only a novel one but also a first. The accompanying picture was a visual delight. The new scheme is without doubt a much needed one. That many children attend classes each morning on a hungry stomach was thought-provoking. All efforts should be taken by the authorities to see that the quality of food is good and served under hygienic conditions.

SHALINI GERALD,
Chennai

■ For very young students who may not able to express their state of mind and attend class hungry, this is a remarkable scheme that will help in their cognitive development. It is also imperative that the Tamil Nadu government monitors the scheme which will help it reap the long-term benefits.

CHALLAPALLI NEEHARIKA,
Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

■ I am totally against freebies, but I staunchly support the breakfast scheme. A child cannot learn anything on an empty stomach. This scheme is sure to ensure the physical and mental well-being of children. Every right thinking person will extend his or her support for the laudable move.

SUBBIAH N.,
Chennai

■ "You cannot make people learn. You can only provide the right conditions for learning to happen." These words by Vince Gowmon are completely aligned with the breakfast scheme. It will not only help in nourishment but also increase enrolment.

RISHAV,
Barnala, Punjab

■ A good breakfast will help a child have a good attention span, help him concentrate and make him happy – all important for learning in school. The Tamil Nadu government deserves praise.

K.M.K. MURTHY,
Secunderabad

■ The Chief Minister needs to identify the reason for many children going hungry. It could, in many instances, be the result of the head of the family spending a large part of his earnings on liquor. Welfare measures such as free breakfast, free monetary allowances or free bus rides are meaningless unless we get to the root of the problem and in turn, the need for such schemes.

V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Chennai

■ A child who is well nourished would be able to climb the ladder to success quickly. The scheme is a boon for poor children. This is a timely and wonderful initiative.

LITTLE MERINTH AAMOSE A.,
Thiruvananthapuram

Retiring... Roger

A leading sports journalist, in 2016, described Roger Federer's game this way: 'Tennis is much less demanding physically – especially if you can play with the graceful, unmatched effortlessness of a Federer.' The grace with which Federer played the game made it look so beautiful that watching tennis was less intense and more divine.
He ruled the court with such panache that you could never hate him. He set milestones which have now been bettered, but there is no denying that he raised the level of tennis which motivated many players to do well. We might have seen the last of Roger Federer the player, but Federer's indelible mark on the game will live on.

SUBASH BALAKRISHNAN,
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

■ All good things have to come to an end. And so did Roger Federer's amazing tennis career. His long absence from tennis did give rise to speculation that the Swiss legend would hang his boots soon. His trophy-laden career has only left the tennis world awestruck.

R. SIVAKUMAR,
Chennai

■ The tennis world may never again witness such a complete player as Roger Federer in future. Many became tennis fans only because of his grace and humane touch.

MANUEL JOSEPH,
Muttom, Idukki, Kerala

■ My first introduction to Federer was in my school general knowledge book, in 2010. Even though I was never much into sports, I was drawn towards the game because of this great personality. Adieu Federer!

MEDHA BARMA,
Bengaluru

Caught in a zero-COVID trap

China's strategy of lockdown and mass testing that made sense in a world without vaccines is now past its sell-by date. **Ananth Krishnan** reports on what the extreme measures and the expansion of state power have meant for the daily lives of residents

In pre-pandemic times, visitors to Shenzhen would often feel as if they were travelling in time to the future. China's technology hub is famed for being at the forefront of adopting new technologies that still remain on blueprints in the rest of the world, from futuristic buildings with sprawling indoor gardens that appear right out of a sci-fi movie, to the ubiquitous use of facial recognition technology for everything from riding subways to entering supermarkets.

Today, arriving in Shenzhen still feels like time travel – except now it is to the past. More precisely, it is to two years ago at the height of the pandemic, when lockdowns were part of the daily vocabulary globally and COVID-19 was seen as a deadly and life-threatening disease in a world without vaccines.

On an afternoon this June, a group of travellers arrived in Shenzhen in the Chinese mainland from Hong Kong. The journey, once a smooth, 20-minute train ride, now involves a gruelling 12-hour exercise at the border control point. This includes two deeply invasive nasal swabs that, for some travellers, even drew blood. The group was greeted by an army of Shenzhen health personnel dressed in full-white PPEs.

The 'Big Whites' or 'Da Bai', as the PPE-clad healthcare enforcers are known in China, have in the past two years become the faces of the country's stringent COVID-19 regulations. China is the only country that still follows a heavy-handed 'dynamic zero-COVID' policy, which calls for mass testing, lockdowns and quarantining of close contacts to eliminate outbreaks in the shortest possible time.

"Keep on your masks!" a Big White yelled at one arrival whose mask had slipped slightly below her nose. The group cleared immigration after downloading and scanning numerous Chinese 'health code' apps that are an indispensable internal travel passport in the country today. They were then sprayed with disinfectant, along with their luggage, before being whisked away on buses, with full police escort, to be confined in a room for a mandatory 22-day quarantine. And these were all vaccinated travellers who had also been tested no less than twice in just a few hours.

While the rest of the world has sought to move on to some form of post-pandemic normalcy, China remains firmly in the grip of a harsh zero-COVID policy. China is where the pandemic began, and it appears increasingly likely that this is where the last chapter of the pandemic will end.

The police work with railway authorities to check nucleic acid test reports and travel codes of passengers in Shenyang, Liaoning province. (Below): Passengers at the Hankou railway station in Wuhan. •GETTY IMAGES

Endless lockdowns

On September 14, World Health Organization (WHO) director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus noted that the number of weekly reported deaths from COVID-19 in the second week of September was the lowest since March 2020. "We have never been in a better position to end the pandemic," he said. "We're not there yet, but the end is in sight."

In China, however, there appears to be no end in sight to measures that were first imposed in Wuhan – at a time when the idea of a lockdown was still unheard of in the rest of the world – and remain a part of life for a third straight year.

Within China, through 2020 and 2021, the zero-COVID strategy was by most accounts widely popular as it ensured a degree of normal life while the rest of the world was dealing with waves of deaths and lockdowns. By the summer of 2020, China had in fact largely emerged from the pandemic's first wave quicker than most nations, with its stringent lockdowns and bans on international travel paying dividends. Outside of Wuhan and Hubei province, no cities faced mass deaths. Across China, schools remained open, and with the world closed off, domestic tourism boomed. So did manufacturing, with China's exports reaching a record high during those two years while factories in much of the world were hit by COVID-19 restrictions. Zero-COVID certainly saved hundreds of thousands of lives in 2020 and 2021, a point that the government uses to justify continuing the approach.

Yet, that has become an argument increasingly difficult to make. Confronted with more transmissible variants, the 'test and trace' bedrock of zero-COVID has struggled. The number of cities in China under lockdown now is the highest since the early days of the pandemic. Moreover, a strategy that made sense in a world without vaccines looks increasingly past its sell-by date as the rest of the world opens. If zero-COVID gave China an advantage in the first year of the pandemic, it has now left China struggling.

Harsher measures, mounting costs

As of early September, the Chinese magazine *Caixin* reported, 33 cities and an estimated 65 million people in China were under lockdown ('static management' is the term preferred by the Chinese authorities). As vast swathes of China confronted more transmissible sub-variants of Omicron, *Caixin* noted, governments again "turned to the usual toolkit of mass testing and lockdowns.... despite the rising economic costs and public frustration over disruptions to daily life."

As variants began to spread more easily, the measures to tackle them became harsher. Shanghai was placed under a brutal lockdown of two months, with most residents not allowed to step out of their homes and many complaining of food shortages.

When an earthquake in early September struck Sichuan province, which was dealing with an outbreak, residents rushed to leave their apartment blocks to find Big Whites barring their exits.

When parts of Beijing came under lockdown in May, cancer hospitals stopped taking patients for treatment. "As long as it's not COVID that you die from, it seemed they did not care," the daughter of one of the patients told *The Hindu*.

In Yining in western Xinjiang, which has been under a harsh lockdown since early August, thousands of residents took to social media to complain of acute food and medicine shortages. Most of the posts were deleted, while state media responded with a campaign to show an efficiently managed city. One Yining resident posted that his young child had died in lockdown without access to medical treatment.

Meanwhile, economic costs are mounting. Currently, planning internal travel within China is a fraught exercise, as each city has its own health code app and internal quarantine rules. The health code app determines every aspect of life. In Beijing, residents have to take a PCR test every 72 hours to preserve a green code, without which they cannot access schools, hospitals, offices or public transport. Uncertainty of lockdowns has dampened business sentiment amid already brewing troubles in the property market, a lynchpin of growth. In the second quarter of the year, China's economy grew by 0.4%.

Most people in China have been largely accepting of the measures – they do not, of course, have a choice in the matter – seeing it as a price to be paid for normalcy and to avoid the high death toll seen in the West (a fact highlighted ad nauseam by state media). Yet, three years into the pandemic, there are signs of public acceptance waning as more cities come under restrictions. Generally supportive attitudes to zero-COVID change overnight when one's own town is in lockdown. As Shanghai's residents faced two months of lockdown, thousands took to social media to ask what the point of the measures was when few severe cases had been reported officially.

No exit strategy

If China were to open tomorrow, its healthcare system would certainly be overrun and likely face a near-collapse (as India's did during the second wave). This is the argument from Chinese officials in justifying the current approach.

It is also the argument used right at the top. As more questions began to be raised about China's approach in sticking to zero-COVID, President Xi Jinping, during a symbolic visit to Wuhan in end June, mounted a robust defence of the measures, saying they "must be upheld unwaveringly".

"If China had adopted the 'herd immunity' policy or a hands-off approach, given its large population, the country would have faced unimaginable consequences," he said. "Even if there are some temporary impacts on the economy, we will not put people's lives and health in harm's way, and we must protect the elderly and the children in particular. If we make an overall evaluation, our COVID-19 response measures are the most economical and effective."

Indeed, as Chinese officials underline, there is no denying that China would face a wave of cases and deaths if it opened up tomorrow. Yet, the quiet criticism from some Chinese health experts is that there hasn't even been any consideration of or planning towards an eventual exit strategy, leaving China locked in what most agree is an unsustainable and cost-heavy approach.

The most puzzling element of the current approach is the low priority accorded to vaccination. While more than 90% of the population have received two doses, the booster campaign, particularly among the elderly, has flagged. Data from Hong Kong show that three doses of Chinese vaccines are effective in preventing serious hospitalisation and death. The efficacy falls significantly when only two doses are administered.

Local government officials say their health resources are being entirely spent on regular testing and lockdowns to ensure zero-COVID. The same health workers who could have been sent door-to-door to vaccinate the elderly are instead occupied with administering lockdowns and PCR tests.

China also briefly considered and then abandoned vaccine mandates. In July, Beijing rolled out the country's first vaccine mandate, but abandoned it within 24 hours without explanation, amid suggestions that authorities were alarmed by the number of the elderly who had not completed their full doses.

While the unvaccinated elderly remain a significant concern, also complicating any easing of zero-COVID is continued official messaging that portrays COVID-19 as a life-threatening disease. As one Beijing doctor puts it, "Even one asymptomatic case now means an entire neighbourhood will be locked down. How do you then communicate with people that at some stage we have to live with the virus?"

The politics of zero-COVID

That the doctor requested anonymity reveals how politicised this public health issue has become. There is no debate in China on the viability of the current measures, which are seen to have the personal endorsement of President Xi.

When Shanghai faced a surge in Omicron cases in February, the local health authorities, who had generally adopted a more open approach than elsewhere in the country, briefly suggested the city avoid a lockdown and adopt an approach that would mark a shift in China's COVID-19 strategy by only focusing on severe and elderly cases.

According to a recent account from the former Central Party School professor, in *Foreign Affairs* magazine, Cai Xia, who was removed in 2012 after criticising Xi's policies and is now living in the U.S., an online gathering of 60 experts

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>
> A DOCTOR IN BEIJING

decided that life in the city could go on despite the cases. "But when Xi heard about it," Cai wrote, "he became furious. Refusing to listen to the experts, he insisted on enforcing his zero COVID policy... Just like that, a modern, prosperous city was turned into the site of a humanitarian disaster, with people starving and babies separated from their parents." Cai was referring to Shanghai authorities taking away COVID-19 positive children from their homes without their parents.

Asked why China hasn't considered planning an exit strategy, with 90% of its population receiving two doses and two-thirds receiving a booster dose – a number that would have been far higher with a sustained campaign – Chang Jile, who is the Vice Administrator of the National Disease Control and Prevention Administration, said the view is that the time isn't right. "Globally, the current pandemic is still at its height and the virus is still mutating," he said, reflecting a sharp divergence in Beijing's view and that of the WHO. "With the dynamic zero-COVID policy, we can bring infections under control in the shortest time and at the lowest social cost."

He also made it clear that this was the directive from the top. "President Xi has stressed the importance of targeted prevention, to get maximum results at the lowest cost, and to minimise the impact of the pandemic on social development. This requirement from central authorities is unchanged," he said. "Our philosophy on prevention and measures is about putting people and lives first... These measures may cause some inconvenience to normal functions and life, but we should bear in mind the overall interests of the country."

Leaving aside the fact that most residents who have suffered lockdowns would question his characterisation of "some inconvenience", the reality is zero-COVID has become intensely political in China, seen as one of Xi's legacies ahead of the start of his third term.

Some health experts privately hope that after the Communist Party's twice-a-decade conclave, on October 16, when Xi is expected to secure his third term, the country will begin to consider an exit. But there are few signs of a shift in approach in public messaging about COVID-19 to back those expectations.

What may prompt a change is the economic situation in China. Local governments, already dealing with a slowing economy, are running out of money to fund the continued testing and lockdown regime. From January 2020 until April 2022, according to *Caixin*, China had carried out 11.5 billion PCR tests, costing $45 billion.

A cautionary tale on state power

Within China, zero-COVID has been framed as evidence of the superiority of the Chinese political system. Yet, if it was hoped that China's extraordinary pandemic record in 2020 and 2021, after the missteps in Wuhan, would present to the world a model to be emulated, zero-COVID has instead increasingly become a cautionary tale on state power. The model has given the state extraordinary control over people's lives in China.

The potential for abuse has already come to light. When people converged in Zhengzhou in June, in the central Henan province, to protest a financial fraud that had cost them their savings, many arrived at the city's train station to find their health codes had turned red, meaning they would be immediately quarantined. The provincial authorities had tampered with their apps to prevent them from gathering. After the case caused an outcry, officials were later punished.

The other side of the lockdown model is the extraordinary power it has given local-level officials and neighbourhood committees, who haven't wielded this much influence on the lives of residents since the days of Mao Zedong. Officials now have the power to indefinitely confine residents to their homes or to close businesses by citing the pandemic. A new pandemic-centred bureaucracy now controls local-level governance in China. Signs are that it has been established for the long haul. All this has also marked a significant retreat in China's efforts to build a system of 'rule by law' as a constraint on official power. On the contrary, official power is arguably at its highest in decades.

Chinese social media is full of stories of local pandemic enforcers running amok, from confining residents to buildings during an earthquake to welding doors shut to prevent people from leaving. The system encourages the extremism, as a local outbreak, for Party officials, would likely be career-ending, taking precedence over every other aspect of governance, including driving economic growth. For the first time since the Mao era, the Chinese people need government permission to renew passports and leave the country.

On one recent afternoon in Beijing, Big Whites from a local neighbourhood committee descended on a small business in a Beijing complex and ordered it shut down, confiscating its property. Vague "pandemic violations" were cited for the move. When the employees protested that they had their rights under Chinese laws, the local officials said, "We can do whatever we want."

Rather than a model to be emulated, the zero-COVID machinery in China has emerged as a warning tale. When states accumulate extraordinary power, they are unlikely to easily relinquish it.

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Modi and Sharif spar over transit trade access

In his speech, Mr. Sharif, who focused on Afghanistan and the flood situation in Pakistan for most part, responded to Mr. Modi's remarks, calling for a more "structured" SCO approach to connectivity in the region, adding that "if there is connectivity, transit rights will automatically come". India has developed Iran's Chabahar port as an alternative to Pakistan for the land route to Central Asia and Russia.

At present, delays by Pakistan have meant that even India's plan to send 50,000 tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan by the land route has not been completed over several months, as permissions for the last tranche of 10,000 tonnes to be transported have not been granted.

Briefing the media, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said Mr. Modi also raised the issue of terrorism during the "restricted" meeting between the SCO leaders, and that all the SCO countries had agreed to prepare a consolidated list of terrorist entities and individuals in their respective countries.

The SCO summit declaration ended with an expansion of the group of eight countries – four Central Asian states, China, Russia, India and Pakistan – by inducting Iran as a full member, as President Ebrahim Raisi signed an MoU acceding membership. Among other membership hopefuls are Belarus, indicating that the grouping in future would have a larger number of countries facing Western sanctions. The group also adopted more than 40 documents, including an agreement on cooperation and good neighbourliness and a joint statement on climate change.

Mr. Modi said that among the other problems the world was facing was ensuring "food security", an issue that Mr. Mirziyoyev referred to in his opening remarks, pointing out that the SCO countries made up a majority of the world's grain exporting nations.

ED teams search 40 locations in 4 States in Delhi excise case

Premises linked to beneficiaries, distributors and associates come under scanner

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The Enforcement Directorate on Friday searched 40 locations in different States in connection with the alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy case.

The premises linked to the beneficiaries, distributors and their associates in and around Delhi and Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu were covered. The officials searched some places purportedly related to YSR Congress Party MP M. Srinivasulu Reddy, including one at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh. The agency also recorded the statement of Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain.

On September 6, the ED searched over two dozen locations in Delhi, Gurugram, Faridabad, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Mumbai. The premises of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who is an accused in the case, has not been covered by the agency so far. The money laundering probe is based on an FIR registered by the CBI on August 17 against Mr. Sisodia and others.

Under probe: ED officials outside the residence of M. Srinivasulu Reddy, MP, during a search in New Delhi on Friday in connection with the scrapped Delhi excise policy. • PTI

Public servants

Among the accused public servants named in the FIR are the then Excise Commissioner Arva Gopi Krishna, Deputy Commissioner Anand Tiwari and Assistant Commissioner Pankaj Bhatnagar.

The others are Vijay Nair, former chief executive officer of Mumbai-based entertainment and event management company named Only Much Louder; Manoj Rai, former employee of Pernod Ricard; Amandeep Dhal, director of Brindco Sales; Sameer Mahendru, managing director of Indospirit Group; Buddy Retail and its director Amit Arora, Dinesh Arora, Mahadev Liquors, its authorised signatory Sunny Marwah, Arun Ramchandra Pillai and Arjun Pandey.

The agencies have alleged that undue favours were extended to licence holders; licence fee was waived or reduced; and L-1 licence was extended without the competent authority's approval. The illegal gains were diverted to the accused public servants and false entries made by the private parties concerned in their books of accounts to hide the money trail.

SC seeks Centre's reply on issue of marital rape

It seeks govt. stand on criminalisation

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from the government on appeals to criminalise marital rape.

A Bench led by Justice Ajay Rastogi indicated that several similar petitions were pending in the court and they would be listed together for hearing in February next year.

The appeals follow a split decision from the Delhi High Court on whether or not to prosecute husbands for non-consensual sex with their wives.

During the brief hearing, the All India Democratic Women's Association, represented by advocate Karuna Nundy, said both judges in the Bench in the Delhi High Court had agreed that the case raised a substantial question of law which required an authoritative ruling from the Supreme Court.

The issue focuses on the exception in rape law in the Indian Penal Code which dismisses the idea of rape within marriage. The questions raised include whether or not a married woman has bodily autonomy. In short, whether a husband should accept that his wife's "no means no", and any transgression would amount to rape.

Justice Rajeev Shakdher, the lead judge on the Delhi High Court Bench which delivered a split opinion in May, had favoured striking down the marital rape exception for being "unconstitutional".

He had said it would be "tragic if a married woman's call for justice is not heard even after 162 years" since the enactment of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Justice C. Hari Shankar, the other judge on the Bench, had however disagreed and said the exception under the rape law was based on an "intelligible differentia".

The petitioners had challenged the constitutionality of the marital rape exception under Section 375 (rape) of the IPC on grounds that it discriminated against married women.

Ex-President named suspect in Easter attacks

Members of the Catholic Church and Cardinal Ranjith backed Mr. Gotabaya in the 2019 election, but later voiced disappointment over the lack of progress in the investigations. The Cardinal has since contended that the attacks had a political or electoral motive.

The latest report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, released earlier this month, calls for the release of the "complete findings" of previous inquiries into the Easter Sunday bombings and establishment of a "follow-up independent and transparent investigation" with international assistance. President Ranil Wickremesinghe has said Sri Lanka would rope in Scotland Yard to help its investigators.

This is not the first time that the blame for the 2019 Easter bombings has fallen on Mr. Sirisena, who was President then. A parliamentary select committee appointed in May 2019 accused President Sirisena of "actively undermining" government and security systems, leading to "serious lapses" ahead of the attacks that shook Sri Lanka a decade after its civil war ended.

In February 2021, a Presidential Commission of Inquiry recommended that Mr. Sirisena and his intelligence chiefs be prosecuted for their failure to prevent the incident, despite Colombo receiving an intelligence input from India, weeks before the suicide bombings that are attributed to a radical Islamist network in Sri Lanka. Mr. Sirisena has denied any prior knowledge.

Amarinder to merge party with BJP

VIKAS VASUDEVA
CHANDIGARH

Former Punjab Chief Minister and chief of the Punjab Lok Congress (PLC) Amarinder Singh is all set to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in New Delhi on Monday.

Party's chief spokesperson Pritpal Singh Baliawal on Friday told *The Hindu* that Capt. Amarinder Singh would be joining the BJP on Monday, and would also announce the merger of the PLC with the BJP. Nearly a dozen of former MLAs will also join the BJP along with Capt. Amarinder Singh, he added.

He said an event would be subsequently held in Chandigarh in the next few days, where several leaders and members of the Punjab Lok Congress would join the BJP, he said.

On September 12, Capt. Amarinder met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and since then there was speculation of his joining the saffron party.

21,000 score 100 percentile in CUET

Universities likely to begin new academic session from first week of November

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NEW DELHI

The National Testing Agency on Friday declared the result for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for undergraduate admissions in which more than eight lakh students had participated.

The total number of candidates who scored 100 percentile in each of the 61 subjects stood at 21,159. Of them, 12,799 were women candidates and 8,360 men.

English was the favourite subject among candidates in the maiden edition of the CUET. A total of 4,85,894 candidates appeared for the English paper, followed by chemistry (2,31,970), mathematics (2,29,793), physics (2,20,014) and Hindi (1,80,634).

Sanskrit recorded the highest percentage of students with 100 percentile score, at 23% of the 5,002 students who appeared for the subject. Among students who appeared for psychology, 5.9% had 100 percentile score, while 1.95% had the top score in political science, 1.6% in English, 0.03% in maths and 0.02% in physics.

Results out | A look at the highlights of the results of the Common University Entrance Test for undergraduate admissions (CUET-UG)

Number of candidates who registered	14.9 lakh
Number of subject tests administered	47.1 lakh
Number of cities with exam centres	259
Number of mediums	13
Candidates with 100% percentile	21,159

The marking scheme involved giving students "equi-percentiles", where every student who appeared on a particular day in a specific subject was given a certain percentile. These percentiles for students appearing in the same subject on different days were then equated and converted into normalised marks.

The role of the NTA is confined to the registration of candidates, conducting the test, hosting of answer keys, inviting challenges, finalising answer keys, preparing and declaring result and hosting score cards.

Further steps

The merit list of students will be prepared by the participating universities.

They will also take a decision on counselling for students on the basis of the score card.

Now, students will be required to visit the admission portal of individual universities, fill online applications and submit the required documents. The NTA will provide the scores of the students to the participating universities for verification, Chairperson of the University Grants Commission M. Jagadesh Kumar said.

On the expected time frame within which universities may complete the admission procedure for undergraduate courses, Dr. Kumar said, "Once the CUET-UG scores are announced, universities may typically take about six weeks to conclude the admission process as they may issue first list, second list and so on until most of the seats are filled. Either in October last week or November first week, most universities may attempt to start their new academic session."

The exam was conducted on 20 days and in 38 slots from July 15 to August 30. It was held in 259 cities across India and nine outside the country. The massive exercise involved a total of 2,219 question papers in 13 mediums. It was marred by several technical issues.

Kerala HC asks State to care for dog-bite victims

The court asked the government to ensure that hospitals had adequate stock of medicines and equipment required for such treatment. The said treatment should also be without prejudice to the right of the person concerned to separately seek compensation from the State.

'Delayed action'

Referring to people taking law into their own hands and unleashing violence on community dogs, the Bench spoke of reports of delayed State action leading to the same.

The court also took note of a circular issued by the State police chief to ensure safety of community dogs, in the wake of instances of killing of dogs by beating and mutilating them, and through poisoning.

Yet another report submitted by the Director of Animal Husbandry, State Animal Welfare Board, mentioned that many measures were in various stages of implementation across the State.

They include a mass anti-rabies vaccination programme that has begun for owned dogs with the cooperation of the local bodies, to be followed by one proposed to be initiated from September 20 for community dogs.

The State has identified 170 hot spots where the vaccination will be administered through the Animal Husbandry Department.

In addition, Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres have been identified across the State, while veterinary doctors, animal handlers and dog catchers will be appointed on contract basis to carry out the ABC measures.

The list of veterinary hospitals where emergency night services are available together with 24-hour facilities have been put up on the website of the department, along with their contact numbers, the report says.

Mevani gets jail term in protest case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

The Ahmedabad Metropolitan Court on Friday sentenced Gujarat Congress working president and a prominent Dalit activist Jignesh Mevani and 18 others to six months simple imprisonment in a 2016 case of unlawful assembly and road blockade while protesting.

In 2016, Mevani and others had staged an agitation demanding that a new building of Department of Law of Gujarat University be named after Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. During the protest, he and his associates had blocked a road. The case was registered at University Police station.

'Modi a true follower of Ambedkar'

Vision of Constitution-maker was being carried forward by PM, says Kovind

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Former President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi was a true follower of B.R. Ambedkar and was striving to turn the latter's vision of social reforms into a reality.

Mr. Kovind was speaking at a function to release the book *Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas, Performer's Implementation*, published by BlueKraft Digital, in New Delhi on the eve of Mr. Modi's birthday.

The book has a foreword by music composer and Rajya Sabha member Ilaiyaraaja. In the 12 chapters, an attempt has been made to draw parallels between Ambedkar and Mr. Modi's vision and efforts in the fields of infrastructure, education, socio-economic mobility and gender equality, a consonance that the BJP as a political party has been at work to establish as its support base among the Scheduled Castes has also grown.

Ram Nath Kovind (centre), Anurag Thakur (left) and Justice K.G. Balakrishnan (retd.) at a book launch on Friday. • PTI

Mr. Kovind said that Ambedkar's vision of a self-reliant India was being carried forward by Mr. Modi. "Work done by Prime Minister Modi in the form of Swacch Bharat, Antyodaya scheme, Ujjawala scheme, electrification scheme, New Education Policy, bank accounts for all are examples how his work is going on the lines of the vision of Babasaheb," he said.

Prime Minister Modi had also been proactive in developing five sites connected with Ambedkar as the *panch teerth* [the five pilgrimage spots], Mr. Kovind said.

Interestingly, he maintained that Ambedkar was never in support of the special status for Jammu and Kashmir. It was the Modi government in 2019 that revoked the special status under Article 370. Mr. Kovind said it was "a matter of pride" for him that he got an opportunity to witness the same as President.

IN BRIEF

AAP MLA arrested after anti-corruption searches

NEW DELHI

The Anti-Corruption Branch on Friday seized ₹24 lakh in cash and arrested Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Amanatullah Khan after conducting raids on premises linked to him in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board recruitment, officials said. PTI

6 Assam tribes to hold protest over ST status

GUWAHATI

Six communities in Assam have threatened to launch a coordinated stir over the "inordinate delay" in granting them Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. These communities are Adivasi [referred to as "tea tribes"], Chutia, Koch-Rajbongshi, Matak, Moran and Tai-Ahom. On Thursday, Chief Minister Sarma said the ST status ball was in the court of the Rajya Sabha and the State could do little about it.

SC seeks Web portal for student returnees

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the government to consider creating a Web portal containing details of foreign universities where Ukraine-returned Indian medical students can apply to complete their courses under the academic mobility programme approved by the National Medical Commission. A Bench said students should have the benefit of a transparent system.

SIC pulls up officers for defaulting on penalty

JAIPUR

The Rajasthan State Information Commission has taken a serious note of the laxity of government officers in depositing the fine imposed on them for violation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The Commission has directed that the failure to pay the penalty be recorded in the service books of all these officers if they do not comply with such orders within a month.

Bombay HC stays payout order on Facebook

MUMBAI

The Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court stayed an order of a consumer redressal commission directing Facebook India Online Services and META Platforms to pay ₹25,599 to a man for non-delivery of a product purchased online and fraudulent advertisement. The commission had directed the companies to pay ₹599 to Tribhuvan Bhongade, a daily wage labourer for non-delivery and ₹25,000 for causing mental agony to the complainant.

Kedarnath temple to get a 'golden' makeover

Businessman to fund gold-plating of sanctum

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NEW DELHI

A Mumbai-based businessman will fund the facelift of Kedarnath temple's sanctum sanctorum, which will now be gold-plated.

Currently the sanctum sanctorum of one of the famous Char Dham temple is covered with 230 kilogram of silver.

Ajendra Ajay, chairman, Shri Badrinath-Kedarnath temple committee told *The Hindu* that the firm which has done the gold plating of sanctums of the Kashi Vishwanath and many temples in South India has been given the task of the replacing the silver inside Kedarnath temple's sanctum with gold plating. The silver plating of the temple was done in 2017.

"We have already started removing silver from the sanctum of the temple. Then the copper plates will be placed on the walls and four pillars inside the sanctum. This will be done to take measurements. Once the measurements will be done, they will replace the same with gold plating," Mr. Ajay added.

The work inside the temple began earlier this week and will be completed before Deepavali, said the chairman who claimed that the donation of gold made by the businessman is a *'gupt daan'* [secret donation]. The gold plating will be done on walls, pillars and on the shed [*chatra*] above the deity.

The officials in the Badri-Kedar temple committee said that the secret-donor is a diamond merchant who has not shared what would be the amount of gold he would be donating.

"His permission was approved last month and we still don't know what amount of gold would go in the task. Around 230 kg silver has been removed from the walls of the sanctum," the official said.

Renovation of the 8th century Kedarnath temple, which was at the epicentre of the disaster in 2013, has been one of the dream projects of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Maharashtra was set to sign Vedanta MoU

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MUMBAI

The Maharashtra government had formalised all plans and fixed the date to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Vedanta-Foxconn and Avan-Starte as early as July 29, for setting up the multibillion-dollar semiconductor plant at Talegaon near Pune, according to a letter written by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to Vedanta Resources Ltd. chairman Anil Agarwal.

However, how neighbouring Gujarat came into the picture and lapped up the project remains a perplexing question.

The ruling dispensation and the Opposition in the State have been attacking each other over the issue.

Vital meeting: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with participants of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Samarkand of Uzbekistan on Friday; and (right) the Prime Minister with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a meeting on the sidelines of the summit. • REUTERS

'Today's era is not of war,' Modi tells Putin

On the sidelines of the SCO summit in Samarkand, Russian President replies that he understands India's concerns

SUHASINI HAIDAR
SAMARKAND

Russia understands India's "concerns" over its war in Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin told Prime Minister Narendra Modi, promising to try and end the nine-month-old conflict and blaming the Ukrainian government for prolonging it, in the first meeting between the two leaders on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit here.

Mr. Modi began his comments by telling Mr. Putin that the "era of war" is over, indicating India's discomfort with Russia's attack on Ukraine for the first time in public, although New Delhi has not criticised Russia for its action thus far.

"I know that today's era is not of war and we have spoken to you many times on the phone that democracy, diplomacy and dialogue are such things that touch the world," the Prime Minister said.

"We want all of this to end as soon as possible. We will keep you abreast of what is happening there," Mr. Putin said in remarks that were televised.

"However, unfortunately, the opposing side, the leadership of Ukraine, announced its refusal to continue negotiations and declared that they wanted to achieve their goals by military means, as they say 'on the battlefield'," Mr. Putin told Mr. Modi during the conversation. Officials said the two leaders also spoke about the "derivative" issues of the conflict such as the impact on food, fertilizer and energy security.

On Thursday, Mr. Putin had also told Chinese President Xi Jinping that he understood his "questions and concerns" about the Ukraine conflict.

Briefing presspersons, India's Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said New Delhi's position was that "hostilities should cease and the path to resolution is through diplomacy and dialogue".

The meeting with Mr. Putin was one of the four bilateral meetings Mr. Modi held on the sidelines of the SCO summit, which included a meeting with host Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, as well as a previously unannounced meeting with Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey. India has had tense ties over Turkey's criticism over the Kashmir issue.

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> NARENDRA MODI
> Prime Minister

Meeting with Turkey

"The leaders reviewed bilateral relations and appreciated recent gains in bilateral trade. Also exchanged views on regional & global developments," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted after the meeting. "Met President @RTErdogan and reviewed the full range of bilateral relations between India and Turkey including ways to deepen economic linkages for the benefit of our people," Mr. Modi said in a tweet.

In his meeting with Mr. Raisi, Mr. Modi discussed connectivity through Chabahar and energy cooperation, Mr. Kwatra said but did not confirm whether India intended to restore oil imports that were cancelled in 2018-19 due to the threat of U.S. sanctions.

Mr. Modi also discussed developing the Chabahar trade route to Central Asia in his meeting with Mr. Mirziyoyev.

"They stressed the need to make concerted efforts to diversify the trade basket and enter into long-term arrangements to promote trade and investment. Connectivity was considered key to unlock the potential in this regard, including greater usage of the Chabahar port and the International North-South Transport Corridor," said a statement issued by the Ministry before Mr. Modi's departure from Uzbekistan.

Visa-free travel

Mr. Putin also batted for a visa-free travel deal between India and Russia during his talks with Mr. Modi.

The Russian President said that India's rich history and ancient culture were traditionally of great interest to the Russian people.

Against this backdrop, "we propose accelerating the process of negotiations towards an agreement on visa-free tourist travel," Mr. Putin was quoted as saying by Russia's official news agency TASS.

Mr. Putin wished "all the best" to his "dear friend" Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his birthday on Saturday.

"I would like to wish India all the best. I also know that tomorrow, my dear friend, you are about to celebrate your birthday. As per the Russian tradition, we never offer congratulations in advance. So, I cannot do that right now," Mr. Putin said.

"But I would like you to know that we know about that. And we wish you all the best. We wish all the best to the friendly Indian nation and we wish prosperity to India under your leadership," the 69-year-old Russian President said.

(With PTI inputs)

No Modi-Sharif meet at summit: Bilawal

'Hopeful on being let out of FATF list'

SUHASINI HAIDAR
SAMARKAND

Bilawal Bhutto

Denying any knowledge of Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar being in Pakistan, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto said he was "hopeful" that Pakistan would soon be let off the Financial Action Task Force List. Speaking to *The Hindu* and other media outlets after the SCO summit in Samarkand, Mr. Bhutto said that as far as he knew, "the individual" [Masood Azhar], who is wanted in India for a series of attacks from the 1999 IC-814 hijacking to Parliament attack and 2019 Pulwama bombings and is a UN-designated terrorist, was "in Afghanistan", a statement that directly contradicts a statement by the Taliban regime that placed Azhar in Pakistan.

As *The Hindu* reported in July, Pakistan's submissions to the international body said it had made several efforts unsuccessfully to "trace" Masood Azhar, and that it was planning to declare him a "proclaimed offender" so as to proceed against him and convict him on various terror charges.

Pakistan also claimed that intelligence reports placed him in Afghanistan, and this had been taken up at the ministerial level with the Taliban regime. India believes Azhar has been funded and protected by the Pakistani establishment, expressing its scepticism about Pakistan's claims on several occasions.

"We are hopeful that we would be out of the FATF. We want to fight terrorism, not because of the FATF, but as a commitment to the people of Pakistan to fight against the terrorists and extremists," he said.

Blaming big powers for climate change that led to floods in Pakistan, Mr. Bhutto said south Asian countries that were the victims must find a way to jointly address the developed world on the issue "in the future".

However, Mr. Bhutto said Pakistan had not asked India for any assistance with the floods, and that Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Prime Minister Narendra Modi had not interacted while at the SCO summit in Samarkand.

On climate change

"As far as weather changes and the floods in Pakistan, it is Pakistan today, it could be India or some other nation tomorrow. A single nation cannot deal with climate change alone. Neither Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, nor Sri Lanka is responsible for this. The big countries, that made themselves rich through industrialisation, have caused destruction to the climate," he said.

In what could pose a difficulty for India that has taken over as Chair of the SCO and will host the summit in 2023, Mr. Bhutto suggested that Pakistan had not yet decided on whether to attend next year's summit in India.

Assam districts at risk of climate change

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Fifteen of India's 25 districts most vulnerable to climate change were in Assam, the State's Science, Technology and Climate Change Minister, Keshab Mahanta, told the 126-member Assembly on Friday.

Of these 15 districts, Karimganj was the most vulnerable in the country, he said. The other two districts - Cachar and Hailakandi - were almost as vulnerable, the Minister said.

Citing a 2021 report by the Council of Energy, Environment and Water, Mr. Mahanta said Assam had the highest overall vulnerability index in the country causing drastic change in the rainfall intensity.

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT
Office of the Registrar, Udyanagiri, Navanagar, Bagalkot – 587 104
Telephone No.08354-230286 Email: registrar@uhsbagalkot.edu.in
No. R/UHSB/Rectt/Advt.12/718/2022-23 Date : 15.09.2022

NOTIFICATION

The last date for the receipt of the applications applying for all the Teaching and Service Personnel posts published under this Office Notification dated **25.08.2022** is hereby extended upto **30.09.2022 by 05.00 p.m.** For further details, the applicants are informed to log on to the University Website: **https://uhsbagalkot.karnataka.gov.in**

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E-Mail- sencr.alw.phed@rajasthan.gov.in
No- 3021-3034 Date 09-09-2022

NOTICE INVITING BID (NIT No. 273-283/2022-23)

Bids for Works of Construction of Source, PLI of Rising Main & Distribution Pipe Line with FHTC Construction of Reservoir for Various villages are invited from interested bidders upto 05:00 PM on Date 11.10.2022. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and https://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website.
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ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। **On behalf of the President of India, online item rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following works.**

क्र.सं / Sl. No.	कार्य का शीर्षक तथा ई-निविदा सूचना सं. / Title of work & E-Tender Notice No.	पी.ए.सी. / P.A.C.
1.	एएसओई सुविधाएं, एसपीएआरसी, टर्ल्स, वीएसएससी के लिए प्रस्तावित डीजी सेट के संबंध में विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works in connection with proposed DG set for ASOE Facilities, SPARC, TERLS, VSSC. NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/09/2022-23 Dt. 16.09.2022	रु./Rs. 79.76/- लाख/Lakhs
2.	टर्ल्स, वीएसएससी के आइआरसीडीआर स्टेशन के ऐंटेना संरचना एवं सुविधा भवन के लिए विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works for Antenna structure & facility building for IRCDR station at TERLS, VSSC. NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/10/2022-23 Dt. 16.09.2022	रु./Rs. 92.68/- लाख/Lakhs
3.	टर्ल्स, वीएसएससी, तुंबा में स्पार्क सुविधाओं के लिए सड़क तथा फेंसिंग प्रदान करना / Providing Road & Fencing for SPARC facilities at RPP, VSSC, Thumba. NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/15/2022-23 Dt. 16.09.2022	रु./Rs. 43.20/- लाख/Lakhs
डाउनलोड करने की अवधि / Period for downloading: दिनांक 17.09.2022, 10.00 बजे/hrs. से/to दिनांक 29.09.2022, 23.00 बजे/hrs.		

योग्यता मानदंड तथा अन्य ब्यौरों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई-एनआईटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। / Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in.
Sd/- ग्रुप निदेशक / Group Director, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी / CMG, VSSC

MISSING

Rayudu Venkitaraman, Age 35, S/O Rayudu Ramu, 2/136, Karapa Mandalam, Vemulavada, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.533462, speaking only Telungu language, was missing from 18.08.2022. In this regard a case in Crime.685/2022 U/s 57 (1)(A) of KP Act was registered at Sakthikulangara Police station. If any information obtained regarding the above person, please inform to the below mentioned phone numbers.
Identification Details:
1) Height- 5.5" Feet, 2) Colour - Medium, 3) A black mole on the nose
STATION HOUSE OFFICER, SAKTHIKULANGARA : 919497947131
SI OF POLICE, SAKTHIKULANGARA : 919497960684
SAKTHIKULANGARA POLICE STATION : 0474-2770966
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KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE
O/o The Chief Engineer (SCM&CSC),
Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-Tender ID : 2022_KSEB_506248_1
Last date : 03.10.2022, 04.00 pm
Visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** and **www.kseb.in**
Ref: PR/MC1/F259/E-Tender/2022

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan,
Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Phone No. 080-22265383, website : www.kiadb.in
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-DPR-04/10890/2022-23 Date: 16.09.2022

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB invites tender from reputed consultants/firms under two cover bid system having an office at Bengaluru with vast experience and proven record of similar nature of work for the project work of Providing Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Formation of New Industrial Area Including Economic Analysis, Surveying, Layout Plan Design, Preparation of Cost Estimates, Cost Structure etc., for the proposed Chikkamalligewada Industrial Area, Dharwad District.**(2nd Call)**.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **28.09.2022 upto 04:00 pm**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/2262/Zenkar/2022-23

THE FERTILISERS AND CHEMICALS TRAVANCORE LIMITED
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Phone: (0484)-256-8633/8260, 2545196
E-mail: deepu.cn@factltd.com; noble@factltd.com Website: http://www.fact.co.in
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[ENQUIRY NO. MM/182/E26160 dated 16.09.2022]
Online bids (two cover system) are invited for undertaking the work of Clearing, Handling and Transportation of bagged products at various Rail Heads (RH) in Tamilnadu for a period of 2 years, through https://eprocure.gov.in portal. Any change / Extensions to this tender will be informed only through our website / CPP e-procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.
Due date/ time for submission of bids: **01.10.2022 / 3.00 PM**
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Senior Manager (Materials)-T&S-C

TAMIL NADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Chennai - 600 003.
Tender Notice
Advertisement No. 632/2022
Sealed tenders are invited upto **03.00 PM on 07.10.2022**, from reputed companies / firms with relevant experience, for designing, Printing and supply of OMR Sheets and various Forms and Scanning works for various examinations to be conducted by the Commission.
For further details and Tender documents with the specification of terms and conditions, form for Technical Bid and Commercial Bid etc., can be downloaded from the websites **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** or **www.tnpsc.gov.in.**
Date : 15.09.2022 DIPR/ 4148 /TENDER/2022 **Controller of Examinations**
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Office of The Superintending Engineer,
Water Resources Circle, Kota
SE/WR/KOTA/e-NIB-06/2022-23/2877-908 DATE 8/9/22
e-NIT No.-06/2022-23
Bids for Construction of road to connect Right Flank of Navnera Barrage to Ranodiya via Kishanwas Distt. Kota is invited from interested bidders from 15.09.2022 (09:30 Hr) to 06.10.2022 till 18:00 Hr. Other particulars, terms & conditions may be seen on the procurement portal https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & https://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in
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Superintending Engineer
Water Resources Circle Kota
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HEALTH & F.W. DEPARTMENT
VSS INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES & RESEARCH, BURLA (SAMBALPUR)
No.12459 / VIMSAR Dated, Burla, the 15/9/22
TENDER CALL NOTICE
Sealed Tenders in two bids are hereby invited by the undersigned from the Manufacturer/Registered firms/Authorized Dealers / DGS & D Rate Contract holders having GST Act for supply of Drugs & Medicines for the Hospital during the financial year **2022-2023** so as to reach this office of the Superintendent, VIMSAR, Burla on or before **21.10.2022 upto 5.30 PM** by Regd. Post / Speed post which will be opened on next working day at **11.00 AM.**
The detailed terms and conditions of Tender Call Notice can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, VIMSAR, Burla during the office hours on all working days till the last date of receipt of the tenders on deposit of **Rs.5000/- (Rupees five thousand)** only (Non-Refundable) towards tender cost in the Users fees counter of this Hospital. The tenders can also down load the tender documents from District website **www.sambalpur.nic.in** & submit their tender with bank draft for **Rs.5000/-** as the tender cost drawn in favour of the Superintendent, VIMSAR, Burla.
Superintendent, VSS IMS&R, Burla
E-474: OIPR-11056/11/0023/2223

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal
Institute Works Department, Bhopal Bypass Road, Bhauri, Bhopal-462 066
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Institute Works Department, IISER Bhopal on behalf of the Board of Governors invites **online percentage rate** tenders for the following works from eligible firms/contractors in two envelopes system.

Sl.No.	NIT No. & Date	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Period
1.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/12 dated 12.08.2022	Maintenance of Hostel Eagle (Hostel-2) at IISER Bhopal	₹ 39,47,889	4 months
2.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/13 dated 12.08.2022	Furnishing of 1st to 4th floor labs in 4D building by providing & fixing glazed and solid wooden partitions with flush / aluminum doors and fixed windows at IISER Bhopal	₹ 19,80,882	3 months
3.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/14 dated 26.08.2022	Providing and fixing solid & glazed partiton along with doors, faculty & student sitting furniture of the DSE Office in the room 203 of Plasma Building at IISER Bhopal	₹ 15,17,539	03 months
4.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/15 dated 26.08.2022	Re-carpeting of bituminous roads at IISER Bhopal	₹ 72,36,953	02 months
5.	IWD/SE/NIT/2022-23/16 dated 26.08.2022	Additional power points & laying of UTP CAT-6 cable and other allied works at 4D building to create more offices & labs at IISER Bhopal	₹ 13,48,226	02 months

The bids forms and other details for application can be obtained from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/IISERB**. The press notice is also available in Institute website **www.iiserb.ac.in** and website **www.eprocure.gov.in**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
CORRIGENDUM (Through e-Procurement portal only)
Refer the Tender Notification No.**KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12598/Call-3 Dtd: 07.09.2022** which was published in this daily on 09.09.2022 for the work of **Design, Manufacture, inspection and testing at firm's work, supply, dismantling of old starter panels, erection, testing & commissioning of 2 Nos. soft starters for 150HP Fire Hydrant & Mulsifyre pump & 1 No. soft starters for 75 HP submersible Drainage pump along with supply of power cable at Nagjhari Power House. Tender Schedules are Modified as** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **21.09.2022 up to 16.00 hrs.** Date of opening of Cover-1: **23.09.2022 at 10.00 hrs.** Date of opening of Cover-2 of qualified bidders: **24.09.2022.** All other terms and conditions are remains same. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363. North Kanara Dist., Karnataka State. Mob: 9449599106 e-Mail: eegennph@gmail.com**

IN BRIEF

CBI gets Partha Chatterjee's custody

KOLKATA

A court in Kolkata on Friday rejected the bail application of former West Bengal Minister Partha Chatterjee and remanded him to the custody of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) till September 21. Mr. Chatterjee was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on July 23 in the West Bengal School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment scam.

Four held in Begusarai firing incident: police

PATNA

Four persons were arrested on Friday in connection with the Begusarai firing incident of Bihar, in which one person was killed and nine others were injured. The arrested persons have been identified as Keshav alias Naga, Sumit Kumar, Yuvraj and Chunchun Kumar alias Satyajit. "In 50-hours of the incident, the police arrested four persons involved in the incident," an official said. However, family members of Keshav accused the police of wrongfully implicating him in the case.

FAIMS opposes name change of AIIMS

NEW DELHI

Opposing any change to the name of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, the Faculty Association of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (FAIMS) cautioned that it may lead to the institute suffering "loss of identity". The association said all faculty members were unanimously against the move.

ED seizes ₹46.67 crore in HPZ Token app case

NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has seized ₹46.67 crore lying in various bank and virtual accounts in connection with a money laundering probe involving the HPZ Token app that allegedly promised its users large gains against investments in mining machines for bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. The agency found that the application was being operated allegedly by Lillion Technocab and Shigoo Technology Private Limited.

ED files chargesheet against Sanjay Raut

MUMBAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday filed a chargesheet against Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut in a 2018 *chawl* redevelopment case related to irregularities. Mr. Raut, a close aide of former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, was arrested on August 1 and is lodged at the Arthur Road jail. He filed for bail on September 7, contending allegations against him is a perfect example of "abuse of power" and "political vendetta".

'BJP playing politics in rape case'

Congress demands justice from the U.P. government for the family of the victims

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is trying to give a communal colour to the rape and murder of two Dalit sisters in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri, the Congress alleged on Friday as it sought "fast-track justice for the families of the victims".

The principal Opposition party also demanded that the Narendra Modi government implement the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Act with "full force".

Addressing a press conference, Rajesh Lilothia, who heads the Congress's Scheduled Caste department, said the alleged rape and murder of the two sisters should not be seen as an isolated incident, and added that atrocities against Dalits have been rising.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data revealed that 70,818 cases of atrocities against Dalits have been pending investigations till 2021, he said.

"In Uttar Pradesh, it is worrying to note that there have been 61,000 cases of atrocities against Dalits and women in the past four years. The BJP and its people are trying to give the Lakhimpur Kheri incident a communal colour to dilute it," Mr. Lilothia alleged.

"This is a very serious matter and I would like to appeal not to do politics over this sad and unfortunate incident," he added.

The Congress leader alleged that the BJP and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) are resorting to divisive politics.

"The Congress demands justice from the U.P. government for the family of the victims. It also demands that the Modi government implement the SC/ST Act with full force," Mr. Lilothia said.

"On one hand, big claims are made that the Modi government is working for the welfare of Dalits, on the other hand there are these statistics," he added.

The Congress leader also accused the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh of not providing justice in the 2020 Hathras rape case.

Under watch: Security personnel outside a mortuary during the post-mortem of one of two minor Dalit sisters raped and murdered in Lakhimpur Kheri. •PTI

Sewa Pakhwara to mark Modi's birthday

The service camp will go on till Oct. 2

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is planning to go big with celebrations to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday on Saturday, with all district-level offices of the party being asked to organise a "Sewa Pakhwara" or service camp for the next 16 days (till October 2), which will include activities such as blood donation drives, adopting one tuberculosis-afflicted person to ensure proper treatment and sanitation drives.

BJP general secretary Arun Singh, addressing a press conference at the party's headquarters in New Delhi, said that he had written to all district presidents giving details of the activities to be undertaken, including setting up exhibitions on the life of Mr. Modi.

"Have exhibition at State and district level on personality and works done by PM Modi, a sample of which will be sent to the leaders. It is aimed at inspiring people to do positive works," stated the communique sent by Mr. Singh.

People will also be able to send personal greetings to the Prime Minister and commit to activities under the "Sewa Pakhwara" via the NaMo app, Mr. Modi's personal App.

Among other activities listed for party workers to undertake are vaccination camps, sanitation drives, sharing stories of "Vocal for Local". The party has urged its leaders to celebrate 'Unity in Diversity' and 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'.

According to the reports, the leaders have been asked to follow the custom, traditions and eating habits of another State for a day.

The BJP's youth wing, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, has been tasked with organising blood donation and health check-up camps in every district.

Additionally, 10 best health check-up camps and blood donation camps will be awarded.

Around 1,200 gifts to PM to be auctioned

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Culture Ministry on Friday said the fourth edition of the e-auction of gifts given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi would start from Saturday, with nearly 1,200 mementoes up for grabs.

During a briefing, Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy said 1,222 gifts to Mr. Modi would be auctioned from Saturday, which was Mr. Modi's birthday, till October 2. The proceeds of the auction would go towards the Namami Gange project as was the case for the previous auctions, he said.

He added that 1,805 items were auctioned in the first round in 2019 and 2,772 in the second round. In 2021, the third auction had 1,348 items, he said.

"Mementoes in the auction include exquisite paintings, handicrafts and folk artefacts. Several of these are items customarily offered as gifts, such as *angavastrams*," he said.

IAF to fly AN-32 on blended biodiesel for 200 hours

Performance very satisfactory, says Air Vice-Marshal

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

As part of efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, the Indian Air Force (IAF) is looking to fly an AN-32 transport aircraft modified to operate on 10% blended biodiesel for 200 flight hours in the next six months, Air Vice Marshal S. K. Jain, Assistant Chief of the Air Force (Maintenance Plans), said on Friday.

The aircraft took flight on biodiesel blended with aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for the first time in December 2018. "So far, an AN-32 has flown 65 hours with a 10% blend of biofuel and the performance has been very satisfactory," he said at a seminar on sustainable aviation biofuels organised by the Aeronautical Society of India.

A second aircraft, a Dornier, was now undergoing ground tests after it had been cleared by the original manufacturer of the engine, Honeywell, for use of 50% biofuel, he said.

The global aviation industry is one of the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases that cause global warming. The fuel consumption of the IAF for 2021-22 was 6.2 lakh kilo litres, which contributed 15 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide.

On the civil aviation front, an official from aircraft manufacturer Airbus said it had plans to offer 100% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) compatibility on its commercial aircraft latest by 2030.

Going green: An AN-32 took flight on blended biodiesel for the first time in 2018.

Left stalled BJP in Kerala: Yechury

Look at Goa before asking who is BJP's 'A or B' team, CPI(M) leader tells Congress

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Days after attacking the Congress for spending 18 days of its Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kerala, the CPI(M) piped down its criticism, with its general secretary calling it the Congress's prerogative to decide "how many days it spends where" though he did not shrink back from hitting out at Congress leader Jairam Ramesh for calling the CPI (M) the "'A' team of BJP".

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters in Delhi on Friday at the end of the party's two-day Polit Bureau meeting, Mr. Yechury said: "Every party has the right to take their own path. Going to people is a good thing. AAP is also doing it in its own way. How many days they spend and where is their prerogative, but the people will of course draw their own conclusions."

To another question specifically pointing out Mr. Ramesh's tweet calling CPI(M) the "'A' team of BJP", he hit out by saying, "Kerala is the only State where BJP has zero legislators. And who did this? It is the Left Democratic Front that stopped the BJP's expansion in Kerala. And as far as A or B team is concerned, they should look at Goa before levelling such allegations."

According to the sources, the party's Polit Bureau also discussed the Bharat Jodo Yatra and its own sharp reaction to the Congress's decision to spend 18 days in Kerala. The CPI(M) from its official handle had tweeted "Bharat Jodo or Seat Jodo- 18 days in Kerala, 2 days in UP. Strange way to fight BJP-RSS." It was felt that the responsibility of countering the Congress should be left to the party's Kerala unit.

Mr. Yechury reiterated his stand that a national-level pre-poll alliance before the Lok Sabha election of 2024 was not possible. The electoral understanding had to be arrived at in every State addressing the unique political factors of each of them.

"We need to understand that we have a parliamentary democracy not a presidential form of democracy," he said, explaining that an Opposition alliance could be formulated only once the results came in.

Having added that caveat, he praised both TRS chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao and NCP chief Sharad Pawar for initiating a dialogue within the Opposition parties.

Sitaram Yechury

Eklavya schools for tribal students get short shrift in teacher recruitments

4,000 teachers have been appointed so far

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Despite sanctioning record numbers of Eklavya model residential schools for tribal students since 2014 and setting up of the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) to manage these schools in 2018, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has so far been unable to fix the teacher shortage faced across 378 of such schools that are currently functional.

According to the data gathered by the Ministry, nearly 4,000 teachers have been appointed across the 378 schools, of which nearly 70% are either on contract or on deputation from State government schools.

According to the guidelines issued to the States in 2020 by NESTS, each school had been recommended to have a total of 52 staffers, of which 30 were meant to be teachers.

This would mean that 378 schools would have a total of 11,340 teachers.

Officials said that the structure under which the NESTS was set up in 2018, had made it difficult for it to monitor and enforce its own recommendations to the schools as far as teacher recruitment was concerned. After the NESTS was set up, the State Education Societies for Tribal Students (SESTS) were also set up, which would receive the funding from the Ministry and allocate it accordingly.

The guidelines said that while NESTS would be responsible for recommending the syllabi, the school and hostel standards, and the teacher recruitment guidelines, the SESTSs would be in charge of implementing these guidelines with room for local modifications in each of these areas.

"The guidelines never mandated that the State societies must follow our recommendations, which were made considering the minimum requirements to maintain a standard education quality and uniformity across schools," a senior Ministry official said.

Officials added the Ministry had found that leaving the teacher recruitment to the States was leading to a non-uniformity in the quality of teachers, not enough recruitment happening in reserved positions, and a large number of schools recruiting teachers contractually in a bid to save on the salary expenses, which was resulting in large gaps in the salaries of teachers working at the same level.

These are the same problems that the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute in Odisha had identified at EMRSs in an official report in 2015.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs said the only way to solve the teacher shortage and bring uniformity in the teaching standards was to completely overhaul the administrative structure under which the EMRSs were run.

Bleak future: Students at the EMRS in Attappadi in Kerala performing Yoga as part of the Yoga Day this year. •NESTS

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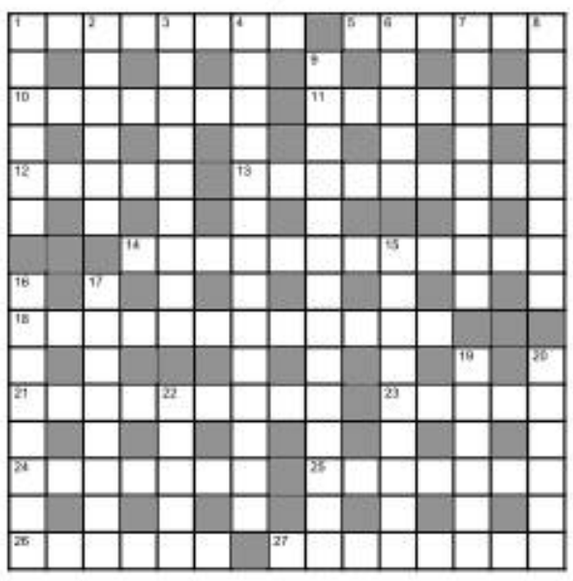

Across

1 Remove one's clothes in outing, captivated by very fine fellow (5,3)
5 Capturing rook with king, miss subtly grins (6)
10 Outline visit to a prison perhaps? (7)
11 Man from the east left enthralled by magnificent German physician (7)
12 Treat with new operation controlling onset of retinopathy (5)
13 Anxious unionist annoyed about hint of scandal (9)
14 Mysterious criminal nurtures a plan to kill nationalist (12)
18 How basketball player might score while still distressed by break-up (2,3,7)
21 Good progress after tackling a problem in style of painting (9)
23 Tossing and turning in dark, every so often overwhelmed by fear (5)
24 Trendy doctor exciting hot nurse at opening (5-2)
25 Presses back neck in scrap (7)
26 Bolt breaks record in running (6)
27 Quick appraisal of working with mask around beginning of epidemic (4-4)

Down

1 Mathematical ratio is inadequate, contains a little error (6)
2 Beer and rye stocks got used up (3,3)
3 Revolutionary colour scheme in abstract technique (9)
4 Art of predicting correct roulette number in gamble (7-7)
6 Member reviewed tax rate (5)
7 Royal really upset about a little insensitive banter (8)
8 Plan by woman holding clubs and diamonds to dominate right away (8)
9 Ultimately eager opponents rose to fight one-on-one (6-2-6)
15 Torture and flog gangster in abandoned site (9)
16 Bad poetry by silly George, boring – extremely dull (8)
17 Hang frames in retreat to welcome group (6,2)
19 Chess champion concedes as Kasparov moves (6)
20 Black tie, not loud is preferable (6)
22 Follow a criminal outside bar (3,2)

SUDOKU

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Solution to puzzle 13662

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	1	6	4	9	8	2	5	3
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FAITH

Contentment is the key

Many lessons on morals and spiritual life are to be learnt from the narrative of Vamana Avatara in the Bhagavata Purana when the Lord wrests the three worlds from Bali in order to help the devas, pointed out Sri R. Krishnamurthy Sastrigal in a discourse. The fortunes of the devas were on a low plane owing to the rising power of Bali. Bali drew his strength from Sukracharya who advised him to perform yagnas that would make him invincible. So God, in response to Aditi's prayers, was born to her as the diminutive Vamana. He went to the Yaga Sala of Bali where Bali was proud to shower gifts on all who attended the yaga.

Bali's attitude to young Vamana was condescending when the latter made a request for a mere pittance, three feet of land. Bali asked Vamana if this was not a childish and immature request. He urged him to reconsider and ask for greater gifts. He said he could grant him all the three worlds if only Vamana desired. The Lord's answer at this juncture about desire is absolutely pertinent to the entire humanity at all ages. He shows how desire under control or contentment is the greatest asset for each one of us. Its value is limitless. But if desire is allowed to grow it makes life hell.

One who is content with the minimal needs in life is most prosperous in actuality while one who lacks contentment continues to be a pauper. Happiness is synonymous with the ability to be satisfied with one's lot. As stated in the Katopanishad, the desire for the objects of the external world can never make one happy. It only grows unabated like the fire which is fed with ghee. Mandodari wails at the foolishness of Ravana's uncontrolled desire for Sita. He rushed to his downfall owing to this as he was not content with all the wives including her.

Oppose external interference: Xi to SCO

China's leader calls upon member countries to work together to make a more just international order

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's President Xi Jinping on Friday called upon members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) grouping, which includes India and Russia, to "guard against attempts by external forces" to instigate "colour revolutions" or interfere in their affairs, in a veiled criticism of the West.

Addressing the SCO summit in Samarkand, Mr. Xi hit out at "obsession with forming a small circle" – the U.S., India, Australia, Japan Quad is among groups labelled as such by Beijing – and called on the SCO group to work together to make a more just international order.

The Chinese President also offered to train 2,000 security personnel from SCO countries and host a China-SCO base for training counterterrorism personnel.

Mr. Xi's remarks did not directly mention the West, but underlined how both Beijing and Moscow see the SCO as a key vehicle to push back against western countries.

United front: Chinese President Xi Jinping, right, with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Samarkand. • AP

"The world today is not a peaceful place," he said. "Rivalry between two sets of policy choices – unity or division, cooperation or confrontation – is getting more acute.... The SCO should seize the opportunity and step up its work to expand the ranks of cooperation and augment the effective force for international equity and justice."

He said that "obsession with forming a small circle can only push the world toward division and confrontation" and the SCO members "should remain firm in safeguarding the UN-centred international system and the international order based on international law, practice the common values of humanity and reject zero-sum game and bloc politics."

"We should guard against attempts by external forces to instigate 'colour revolution', jointly oppose interference in other countries' internal affairs under any pretext, and hold our future firmly in our own hands," the Chinese leader said.

Economic front

On the economic front, Mr. Xi said China would provide developing countries humanitarian assistance in grain and other supplies worth 1.5 billion RMB ($105 million). He also called for implementing the roadmap for SCO member states to expand shares of local currency settlement as well as set up an SCO Development Bank, which would likely follow the examples of the BRICS New Development Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), which are headquartered in Shanghai and Beijing respectively.

Meeting with Russia's Vladimir Putin on Thursday, Mr. Xi said China would "work with Russia to fulfil their responsibilities as major countries and play a leading role in injecting stability into a world of change and disorder." He also extended "strong mutual support on issues concerning each other's core interests".

Mr. Xi, who also attended a China-Russia-Mongolia trilateral and several other bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the SCO, announced Beijing would push for the early operation of a China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan (CKU) railway project.

Sri Lanka set to revive and upgrade FTA with India: Ranil

It seeks a comprehensive economic and tech partnership

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka will revive its Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India and upgrade it to a "a comprehensive economic and technological partnership", President Ranil Wickremesinghe has said, signalling Colombo's willingness to revisit a stalled pact.

Addressing the Sri Lanka India Society on Thursday, Mr. Wickremesinghe said his government would take steps for better trade integration with India.

"We will revive and upgrade the Free Trade Agreement into a comprehensive economic and technological partnership. We started that in 2018 and 2019," he said, referring to the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that was later known as the Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement (ETCA). Both versions of the proposed deal sparked stiff resistance within Sri Lanka, as critics feared it would impact Sri Lankans' job prospects with more competition from Indians.

Ranil Wickremesinghe

"We look forward to trade integration in many areas with the RCEP [the China-led Regional Cooperation Economic Partnership], with the EU, but the cornerstone of this is to achieve trade integration with India," Mr. Wickremesinghe noted.

The current Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA) came into effect in 2000 and several rounds of bilateral discussions later, Colombo and New Delhi are yet to reach an agreement on its upgraded version. Mr. Wickremesinghe, as Prime Minister between 2015 and 2019, attempted to sign an upgraded trade pact with India, but was unsuccessful.

He reiterated that his government is looking into India's bilateral development cooperation projects in Sri Lanka and set up an international trade office for negotiations. The "slow" pace of the projects has remained a concern for New Delhi.

Focus on energy

Speaking of areas with potential for bilateral cooperation, Mr. Wickremesinghe referred to the "long-term energy solution", the power grid connection between India and Sri Lanka, offshore wind energy, the solar power plant at Sampur and the renewable energy projects on three islands of Jaffna Peninsula. "We have a tremendous scope of potential renewable energy, and India has stepped in first," he said. Citing the Trincomalee Oil Tank Farm project, being developed with Indian assistance, as having "big potential", he said Sri Lanka would further develop itself as a logistics hub. "Together with India, Adani Group has already taken over part of the West terminal [at the Colombo Port," he said, underscoring the scope for private investment both ways.

Xi asks Pakistan to 'protect' Chinese citizens, businesses

'China, Pak. are always each other's trustworthy partners'

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's President Xi Jinping called on Pakistan to "provide solid protection" for Chinese citizens and institutions, amid continuing concerns over their safety after a number of attacks.

Mr. Xi on Friday held talks with Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the SCO Summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Mr. Sharif accepted an invitation to visit China in November, Pakistani media reports said, suggesting it might be among the first overseas visits hosted by Mr. Xi as he begins a likely third term following the congress in October.

"No matter how the international situation evolves, China and Pakistan are always each other's trustworthy strategic partners," Mr. Xi said, according to a statement from Foreign Ministry.

"The two sides must continue to firmly support each other, foster stronger synergy between their development strategies, and harness the role of the Joint Cooperation Committee of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to ensure smooth construction and operation of major projects," he said.

"China hopes that Pakistan will provide solid protection for the security of Chinese citizens and institutions in Pakistan as well as the lawful rights and interests of Chinese businesses."

Pakistani media reports quoted Mr. Sharif as "highlighting the serious human rights situation" in Kashmir and "thanking China for its principled stand on the dispute", a reference that wasn't however mentioned in the Chinese statements.

Mass grave found near recaptured city: Ukraine

Russia leaving death behind it: Zelensky

REUTERS
KYIV

Ukrainian officials said they found a mass burial site with 440 bodies, mainly of civilians, in a northeastern city recaptured from Russian forces, calling it proof of war crimes carried out by the invaders in territory they had occupied for months.

"Russia is leaving death behind it everywhere and must be held responsible," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

The site in the former Russian frontline stronghold of Izium would be the biggest mass burial found in Europe since the aftermath of the 1990s Balkan wars. Ukrainian forces retook Izium after thousands of Russian troops fled the area, abandoning weapons and ammunition.

Ukrainian police chief Ihor Klymenko said the bodies recovered so far appeared to be of civilians, although there was information that some bodies were of soldiers too.

"For months a rampant terror, violence, torture and mass murders were in the occupied territories," Mr. Zelensky's adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said in a tweet.

Russia has not responded to the reports.

Couple charged with murder attempt on Argentina's V-P

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BUENOS AIRES

The gunman who tried to shoot Argentina's Vice-President Cristina Kirchner in the face was formally charged on Thursday with attempted homicide, as was his girlfriend, court documents showed.

Fernando Sabag Montiel, 35, was caught on stunning video pointing a pistol at Kirchner from close range as she greeted supporters outside her home on September 1.

After Montiel's weapon failed to go off – for reasons still unknown – he was overpowered and arrested, while his girlfriend Brenda Uliarte, 23, was arrested three days later.

The judge leading the case, Maria Capuchetti, issued charges of attempted aggravated homicide with premeditation against Sabag Montiel and Uliarte, who will remain in police custody, according to court documents seen by AFP.

Judge has yet to issue charges against two of the couple's acquaintances.

10 killed as flash floods ravage hilly central Italy

Survivors rescued from rooftops, trees

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Flash floods swept through several towns on Friday in hilly central Italy after hours of exceptionally heavy rain, leaving 10 people dead and at least four missing. Dozens of survivors were rescued from roofs and trees.

Floods invaded garages and basements and knocked down doors. In one town, the powerful rush of water pushed a car onto a second-story balcony, while elsewhere parked vehicles were crumpled on top of each other in the streets.

"It wasn't a water bomb, it was a tsunami," Riccardo Pasqualini, the Mayor of Barbara, told Italian state radio about the sudden downpour on Thursday evening that devastated his town in the Marche region near the Adriatic Sea.

People clear the way after floods hit the central Italian region of Marche. • REUTERS

He said the overnight flooding left the town's 1,300 residents without drinking water.

Iranian woman arrested by 'morality police' dies

She was held for 'dress code violation'

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DUBAI

A young Iranian woman who fell into a coma after being arrested in Tehran by the notorious morality police died on Friday, state media and her family said, with activists urging those responsible for her "suspicious" death be brought to justice.

Mahsa Amini, 22, was on a visit with her family to the Iranian capital when she was detained by the police unit responsible for enforcing the Islamic republic's strict dress code for women, which include the compulsory wearing of the headscarf in public.

"Unfortunately, she died and her body was transferred to the medical examiner's office," Iranian state television reported.

"The circumstances leading to the suspicious death in custody of 22-year-old young woman Mahsa Amini, which include allegations of torture and other ill-treatment in custody, must be investigated," Amnesty International said.

"The so-called 'morality police' in Tehran arbitrarily arrested her three days before her death while enforcing the country's abusive, degrading and discriminatory forced veiling laws. All agents and officials responsible must face justice," it added.

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US Dollar	79.78	-0.08
Gold	49,447	-1.67
Brent oil	92	0.89

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	938.20	-30.35
Apollo Hosp	4279.75	-62.10
Asian Paints	3322.55	-72.85
Axis Bank	789.30	-0.70
Bajaj Auto	3689.55	-78.45
Bajaj Finserv	1734.90	-37.30
Bajaj Finance	7274.10	-112.20
Bharti Airtel	779.65	-5.45
BPCL	321.30	-10.10
Britannia Ind	3639.55	-82.00
Cipla	1043.50	10.20
Coal India	231.05	-3.20
Divis Lab	3573.70	-31.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4077.35	-92.65
Eicher Motors	3549.00	-73.25
Grasim Ind	1744.60	-63.70
HCL Tech	896.90	-23.00
HDFC	2404.10	-55.30
HDFC Bank	1492.75	-27.95
HDFC Life	546.75	-20.00
Hero MotoCorp	2685.20	-105.10
Hindalco	412.50	-11.90
Hind Unilever	2528.15	-32.25
ICICI Bank	909.10	-8.50
Indusind Bank	1227.35	31.50
Infosys	1377.05	-55.75
ITC	331.30	-2.80
JSW Steel	685.85	-3.80
Kotak Bank	1930.30	-3.85
L&T	1920.00	-37.50
M&M	1250.10	-46.95
Maruti Suzuki	9189.65	-20.10
Nestle India Ltd.	18404.20	-604.80
NTPC	172.80	-2.30
ONGC	131.25	-1.35
PowerGrid Corp	235.65	-1.95
Reliance Ind	2499.20	-63.50
SBI Life	1272.25	-22.75
State Bank	561.80	-10.35
Shree Cement	23317.70	-594.90
Sun Pharma	868.05	-6.25
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	795.20	-42.20
Tata Motors	432.50	-14.75
Tata Steel	105.70	-1.30
TCS	3008.70	-95.65
Tech Mahindra	1033.20	-49.80
Titan	2611.80	-44.35
UltraTech Cement	6481.40	-308.65
UPL	703.40	-39.20
Wipro	401.65	-13.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.54	79.86
Euro	79.41	79.76
British Pound	90.72	91.08
Japanese Yen (100)	55.56	55.78
Chinese Yuan	11.35	11.39
Swiss Franc	82.72	83.06
Singapore Dollar	56.45	56.68
Canadian Dollar	59.94	60.18
Malaysian Ringgit	17.53	17.62
Australian Dollar	53.22	53.44

Source: Indian Bank

Front-loaded rate hikes needed to tame inflation: RBI officials

'Anchoring inflation expectations can reduce medium-term growth sacrifice'

REUTERS
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India will have to front-load its monetary policy to fight stubborn inflation and shield medium-term growth, RBI officials wrote in an article in the bank's monthly bulletin.

Inflation has remained above the RBI's tolerance level since January, prompting it to raise interest rates by a total of 140 basis points in the current cycle. The bank is widely expected to raise by another 25 to 50 basis points at its next meeting at the end of this month.

"At this critical juncture, monetary policy has to perform the role of nominal anchor for the economy as it charts a new growth trajectory," the officials led by Deputy Governor Michael D. Patra wrote in the article on the 'State of the Economy'. "Front-loading of monetary policy actions can keep inflation expectations firmly anchored and reduce the medium-term growth sacrifice."

Pain before gain: Inflation momentum should ease in Q3 and turn mildly negative in Q4, RBI officials say. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The officials said the August inflation reading of 7% was in line with its prognosis that inflation had peaked in April and would grudgingly edge down over time.

There was, however, a resurgence of food price pressures, mainly from cereals, even as fuel and core components such as transport and manufacturing provided a modest measure of respite.

"We maintain our view that inflation momentum should ease in Q3 and turn mildly negative in Q4. With base effects being favourable in the second half... inflation should moderate, although upside risks are in the air."

Aggregate demand was firm and poised to expand further as the festival season sets in, they added.

FM urges banks to use tech to detect fraud, warning signals

'Use Web3, data analytics and AI in coordination with IBA'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday asked banks to be more digital savvy and give immediate priority to use Web3 and artificial intelligence technology in fraud detection and to generate early warning signs in case of an unforeseen event.

She was addressing the 75th Annual General Meeting of Indian Banks' Association in Mumbai.

"Use of Web3, data analysis, Artificial Intelligence, deep dive into data – all of these should have some coordination by the IBA. Leveraging Web3 and AI

Banks must ensure their systems 'speak' to each other so that the institutions can serve clients better

should be an immediate priority for the banks, especially in fraud detection and generating early warning signs about something going wrong," she said. The Minister added such technologies also brought in benefits such as detecting fraud, tracking of money, detecting unusual transactions and alerting financial institutions and the government in case of suspicious changes.

Highlighting the importance of cyber-protection, she asked banks whether they were geared to have adequate firewalls. "Are you protected against hacking and Black Swan events which bring down your systems?"

She also urged banks to ensure that their systems spoke to each other so that they are able to 'serve customers in a better way'.

Nudging banks to appoint staff who must speak the local language, she said, "Show inclusivity in your staff, in the way you speak to your customers. When you have staff who do not talk the regional language and who demand citizens to speak in a particular language, you have a problem."

Sensex slides 2% as global risks weigh

Fears of recession spook investors

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks slipped for the third session on the trot on Friday, in lockstep with a sell-off in overseas markets as investors fretted over the global economy slipping into a recession amid rate hikes by central banks.

A weak rupee and foreign fund outflows added to the woes, traders said.

The BSE Sensex tanked 1,093.22 points, or 1.82%, to settle at 58,840.79. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty declined 346.55 points, or 1.94%, to close at 17,530.85.

UltraTech Cement was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, slumping 4.51%.

"With persistent bearish pressure from global stocks amid rising yields and dollar index, the domestic market surrendered to the global trend despite its strong decoupling scenario and encouraging macroeconomic data, said Vinod Nair, Head of Rsearch, Geojit Financial Services.

Sitharaman asks private firms to clear MSME dues in 45 days

Small firms' thresholds tweaked to help ease compliance

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday asked the private sector to clear dues of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) within 45 days.

Conceding that the Centre, State governments, and state-owned enterprises had outstanding dues to the MSME sector, Ms. Sitharaman said the private sector also has dues to such small businesses from where it avails of goods and services.

Ms. Sitharaman said that in her meeting with big businesses two days ago, she had appealed to them to ensure that the dues of smaller businesses – who are the backbone of the economy – were cleared in time.

Nirmala Sitharaman

"The private sector and industry should commit to making the payments in 45 days along with the books of accounts filed with the Registrar of Companies which make mention of outstanding dues," the Minister said at an event organised by Laghu Udyog Bharati, the RSS affiliate devoted to small businesses.

She said the Centre too would ensure that departments and central public sector enterprises make payments to small businesses within 90 days.

Separately, the Centre revised the threshold for small firms' paid-up capital to ₹4 crore from ₹2 crore.

The turnover threshold has also been revised to "not exceeding ₹40 crore" from ₹20 crore, the Ministry said in a release on Friday. The revisions will allow more entities to come under the category of small companies.

HC rejects GM plea on 50% pay to laid-off staff

Staff are to be paid till the case closes

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court rejected a writ petition filed by General Motors India Pvt. Ltd. (GMI) to set aside an order of the Pune Industrial Court which had directed the Indian unit of the American auto major to pay 50% salary to laid-off workers till disposal of the case.

The General Motors Employees Union had moved the industrial court following the retrenchment of 1,086 workers by GMI in July 2021, without the permission of the Government of Maharashtra.

The court had in January 2022 ordered that 50% salary be paid from April 7, 2022 till the final decision on the case.

GMI had challenged this order in the Bombay High Court.

"I have gone through the impugned order and I do not find that it suffers from any infirmity so as to require interference," Justice C.V. Bhadang of the Bombay High Court said in the order. "The Petition is without any merit and is accordingly dismissed," the judge ruled.

IN BRIEF

Gautam Adani's son named ACC chairman

NEW DELHI

Cement maker ACC Ltd. said on Friday that Karan Adani, son of India's richest man Gautam Adani, was named chairman of its board, as the Adani conglomerate expands its presence beyond power generation and infrastructure. REUTERS

Centre cuts windfall tax on domestic crude oil

NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday slashed the windfall tax levied on crude petroleum producers from ₹13,300 a tonne to ₹10,500 and cut the tax on exports of aviation turbine fuel to ₹5 per litre from ₹9. The levy on export of diesel was reduced to ₹10 per litre from ₹13.50. The changes take effect on September 17.

Manali Petro arm to be wound up

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Manali Petrochemicals Ltd.'s step-down subsidiary Amchem Speciality Chemicals UK Ltd., will be liquidated during the current fiscal as part of the group's restructuring plans.

Based on professional advice, under a scheme of group reorganisation, Amchem UK has stopped activities from April.

After liquidation, its net assets would be transferred to its parent Amchem Speciality Pvt. Ltd., Singapore, according to MPL's latest annual report.

Amchem Singapore is the wholly owned subsidiary of MPL.

SBI eyes double-digit deposit growth: MD

11%-12% is internal target, says Setty

REUTERS
MUMBAI

State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, is aiming for double-digit growth in deposits as loan demand gathers steam and utilisation of existing credit lines improves, a top executive said on Friday.

"We believe 9% to 10% (deposit growth) is definitely possible for us, it is a sustainable growth rate, though we have an internal target of 11% to 12%," Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, managing director at SBI, told Reuters.

Alongside stepping up efforts to garner more domestic deposits, banks are also seeking foreign deposits more aggressively.

Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

The bank is also aiming to focus on boosting its fee-based income from its overseas operations.

SBI's shares have risen 22% so far this year.

'IBBI working on resolution process issues'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is taking steps to address various issues and concerns related to the insolvency resolution process, an official said on Friday.

Sandip Garg, Executive Director at IBBI, said the code had kept pace with the emerging market requirements and would remain pertinent for all times to come.

IBBI is deliberating on several concerns of IBC and Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP), and is taking steps to address them, Mr. Garg said.

'India has unique role to play in global economy'

Walmart aids local firms' growth: CEO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

India, with its deep pool of talent, proven ability to leapfrog existing digital technologies and extensive manufacturing expertise, has a unique role to play in the global economy, said Judith McKenna, President and CEO of Walmart International.

"We're building on what we've learned here in India, creating opportunities and access for customers and businesses that they never had before," she said at Converge@Walmart, an event organised by Walmart Global Tech, a technology and shared-services organisation created as a new identity of Walmart Technology, here on Friday.

According to Ms. McKenna, the company was also creating new opportunities for Indian companies to grow as part of its global supply chains, by expanding its Made in India exports commitment to $10 billion each year by 2027.

Domestic air traffic rises 4% from July level

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Indian airlines ferried 1.01 crore domestic passengers in August, which was 4% more than in July and 51% higher than a year earlier, DGCA data showed.

IndiGo cornered 57.7% market share, slightly lower than the 58.8% it recorded in July. Vistara had a market share of 9.7%, also less than the 10.4% seen last month. GoFirst was in the third place with a market share of 8.6%, above 8.2% witnessed last month.

Akasa, which started operations on August 7 saw a market share of 0.2%.

Airlines were able to fill 70% to 85% of their seats.

SPORT

Saurabh and Rahul spin India-A to a position of strength

Home team takes first-innings lead of 56 after Chapman and Solia's century stand revives NZ-A

NZ-A IN INDIA

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Spinners Saurabh Kumar (4/48) and Rahul Chahar (3/53) helped India-A gain a 56-run first-innings lead against New Zealand-A here on Friday. At the end of the second day, India moved to 40 for one in the second essay to secure an overall lead of 96 runs.

Left-arm spinner Saurabh was effective when he flighted the ball. In the first two sessions, Saurabh bowled a flat trajectory which was easily negotiated by the batters.

Telling spell: Left-arm spinner Saurabh was effective whenever he flighted the ball. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Umran has an off-day

Chahar troubled the opponents with his mix of leggies and googlies. Fast bowler Umran Malik had a poor day. Malik sprayed it around, making it difficult for captain Priyank Panchal to set a field. When Panchal extolled Malik to bowl at the body with a 7-2 leg side field, the speedster offered a juicy half-volley outside off. Mark Chapman was happy to pounce and drive it through cover.

Chapman (92, 115b, 8x4, 2x6) held the New Zealand-A innings together. Chapman used his feet to the spinners, and played the pacers with a straight bat.

The southpaw, however, threw away his wicket when he charged at Saurabh and offered a catch to Ruturaj Gaikwad at long-on. Chapman and Sean Solia (54, 111b, 7x4) added 114 runs for the sixth wicket.

Chapman was dropped by Abhimanyu Easwaran at second slip, off Shardul Thakur, early in his stint.

Saurabh stated that keeping it simple was the key to breaking the Chapman-Solia partnership. "I did not want to concede runs. The plan was to force the batsmen to make mistakes, and it worked," Saurabh said.

The score:

India-A – 1st innings: 293.

New Zealand-A – 1st innings: Joe Carter lbw b Thakur 8, Rachin Ravindra c Upendra b Mukesh 4, Dane Cleaver c Upendra b Chahar 34, Robert O'Donnell c Easwaran b Mukesh 5, Tom Bruce c Gaikwad b Chahar 13, Mark Chapman c Patidar b Saurabh 92, Sean Solia c Gaikwad b Saurabh 54, Joe Walker lbw b Saurabh 2, Jacob Duffy c Malik b Chahar 5, Matthew Fisher lbw b Saurabh 0, Cam Fletcher (not out) 8; Extras (lb-1, nb-11): 12; Total (in 71.2 overs): 237.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-17, 3-28, 4-54, 5-99, 6-213, 7-224, 8-225, 9-229.

India-A bowling: Shardul 14-5-33-1, Mukesh 16-2-48-2, Umran 10-0-54-0, Saurabh 17.2-4-48-4, Chahar 14-0-53-3.

India-A – 2nd innings: Priyank Panchal (batting) 17, Abhimanyu Easwaran lbw b Solia 4, Ruturaj Gaikwad (batting) 18; Extras (lb-1): 1; Total (for one wkt. in 11 overs): 40.

Fall of wicket: 1-8.

India-A bowling: Duffy 3-1-10-0, Solia 5-1-20-1, Fisher 3-0-9-0.

RACING

Show Me Your Walk for feature event

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's Show Me Your Walk, who ran third in her last start, should make amends in the A. Krishnaswamy Memorial Cup, the feature event of Saturday's (Sept. 17) races.

1 NAGARKURNOOL PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.30 p.m.: 1. Prime Gardenia (9) G. Naresh 60, 2. Arabian Queen (5) Suraj Narredu 57.5, 3. N R I Blue (4) B.R. Kumar 53, 4. Siri (7) Md. Ismail 53, 5. Gurbaaz (6) Akshay Kumar 52.5, 6. Exponent (1) Nakhat Singh 51, 7. Glimmer Of Hope (2) Gaurav Singh 51, 8. Lady Danger (8) B. Nikhil 51, 9. Euphoria (3) D.S. Deora 50.5 and 10. Sweet Melody (10) Surya Prakash 50.5.

1. ARABIAN QUEEN, 2. GURBAAZ, 3. N R I BLUE

2 SANDOWN PARK PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2.15: 1. Kingston (11) R.S. Jodha 62, 2. Amyra (6) B.R. Kumar 59.5, 3. DRD (4) Ajeeth Kumar 59.5, 4. Maximum Glamour (10) Deepak Singh 59.5, 5. Rising Queen (8) Md. Ismail 57, 6. Indie (1) Afroz Khan 55, 7. Pacific Command (7) Akshay Kumar 54, 8. General Atlantic (9) B. Nikhil 53.5, 9. Costello (5) Rafique Sk. 53, 10. Hashtag (3) Gaurav Singh 52.5 and 11. Vision Of Rose (2) Santosh Raj 50.

1. PACIFIC COMMAND, 2. KINGSTON, 3. AMYRA

3 SANDOWN PARK PLATE (DIV. II) (1,100m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2.45: 1. By The Bay (1) Kiran Naidu 61.5, 2. Able Love (10) Akshay Kumar 59, 3. Blissful (2) R.S. Jodha 58, 4. Hard To Toss (3) Suraj Narredu 56, 5. Exotic Dancer (8) A.A. Vikrant 55.5, 6. City Of Bliss (9) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 7. Bellagio (7) Afroz Khan 54, 8. Morior Invictus (5) Ajeeth Kumar 54, 9. Different (4) Khurshad Alam 53 and 10. Thunder Road (6) B. Nikhil 50.

1. HARD TO TOSS, 2. ABLE LOVE, 3. BLISSFUL

4 NELSTON PLATE (2,000m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.15: 1. Grand Duke (5) R.S. Jodha 60, 2. Philanthropist (3) Suraj Narredu 57.5, 3. Advance Guard (2) Ajeeth Kumar 57, 4. Yesterday (6) Surya Prakash 56, 5. Team Player (1) Nakhat Singh 53, 6. Turgut (7) Rafique Sk. 52.5 and 7. Call Of The Blue (4) Gaurav Singh 50.5.

1. PHILANTHROPIST, 2. YESTERDAY, 3. TEAM PLAYER

5 A. KRISHNASWAMY MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.45: 1. City Of Blessing (9) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Show Me Your Walk (7) Akshay Kumar 56, 3. Gregor Clegane (8) Aneel 54.5, 4. Mysterious Angel (10) Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 5. The Image (1) Ashad Asbar 53.5, 6. Char Ek Char (6) Md. Ismail 53, 7. Malaala (12) Kiran Naidu 53, 8. Miss Little Angel (2) Santosh Raj 52.5, 9. Limoncello (4) P. Vikram 52, 10. Bangor On Dee (3) Afroz Khan 51, 11. Miss Marvellous (11) B. Nikhil 51 and 12. Shazam (5) D.S. Deora 50.5.

1. SHOW ME YOUR WALK, 2. CITY OF BLESSING, 3. THE IMAGE

6 TWIN CITIES PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 4.15: 1. Divine Destiny (10) Ajeeth Kumar 56, 2. Golden Inzio (12) Kuldeep Singh 56, 3. Jack Daniel (4) Nakhat Singh 56, 4. My Grandeur (11) G. Naresh 56, 5. My Way Or Highway (3) Mohit Singh 56, 6. Path Of Peace (16) Surya Prakash 56, 7. Romero (2) Suraj Narredu 56, 8. Alpine Girl (8) Kiran Naidu 54.5, 9. Black Opal (7) A.A. Vikrant 54.5, 10. Ella Eldingar (6) Aneel 54.5, 11. Force (9) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 12. God Is Kind (14) B. Nikhil 54.5, 13. Purple Rock (15) D.S. Deora 54.5, 14. Ranjji (1) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 15. Saint Emilion (13) Gaurav Singh 54.5 and 16. Virangna (5) Akshay Kumar 54.5.

1. ALPINE GIRL, 2. ROMERO, 3. JACK DANIEL

Day's Best: ARABIAN QUEEN

Jackpot: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Mini Jackpot: 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 4, 5 & 6.

Tanala: All races.

M BG-BLE

Podoroska packs off crowd favourite Bouchard, makes last four

The Argentine will meet 17-year-old Fruhvirtova, who will play her maiden semifinal

CHENNAI OPEN

N. SUDARSHAN
CHENNAI

Nadia Podoroska won her second three-setter in less than 24 hours, this time packing off crowd favourite Eugenie Bouchard 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 to enter the last four of the WTA Chennai Open, at the SDAT Tennis Stadium here on Friday.

In a match that lasted nearly three hours, both players alternated between enthralling tennis and extended flat spots. Bouchard's pedigree and big-match experience should have helped her edge the contest; she won more points (88 to 86), served and returned just as well as the Argentine and made seven fewer double-faults.

But Podoroska, whose ranking of No. 298 is deceptive at best – she was ranked as high as 36 in July last year – was steady when it mattered while Bouchard combusted at crucial junctures. Podoroska will next meet the 17-year-old Czech Linda Fruhvirtova, who ousted the tournament's second seed Varvara Gracheva 6-4, 6-3.

Fruhvirtova, for whom it will be a maiden Tour-level semifinal, was later given the inaugural Margaret Amritraj Award for the most promising young player of the tournament.

Bouchard played pop-the-cork tennis at the beginning, winning 16 of the first 21 points to go 4-0 up, saving six break points to hold to 5-1 and then breaking again to take the set 6-1.

However, the bubbling promise soon faded, and Podoroska, just like against Tatjana Maria in the round-of-16, sprang to life in the second set, running up a 4-1 lead. She put enough air under the ball to take it away from her opponent's strike zone, even as Bouchard was guilty of not picking off short balls that were dragged down by Podoroska's spin.

A medical time-out for Bouchard (exhaustion), though, disrupted Podoroska's rhythm. The Canadian got one break back and had three break opportunities to level at 5-5. But Podoroska wriggled out, as Bouchard missed all three, including the second on which she fluffed three attempts at a smash.

Podoroska went on a roll again in the third set, breaking twice for 3-0 lead, only for lightning and light rain to stop play for 35 minutes. She appeared shaky on resumption, but held on to make her first Tour-level semifinal since the 2020 French Open.

A visibly tired Bouchard later retired from her doubles quarterfinal, in the company of Yanina Wickmayer, down 3-6, 1-1 to Anna Blinkova and Natela Dzalamidze.

The results (quarterfinals): Singles: Nadia Podoroska (Arg) bt Eugenie Bouchard (Can) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; Linda Fruhvirtova (Cze) bt Varvara Gracheva 6-4, 6-3; Magda Linette (Pol) bt Rebecca Marino (Can) 7-6(10), 6-3.

Recognition: Fruhvirtova won the Margaret Amritraj Award for the most promising young player of the tournament. • K.V. SRINIVASAN

Ruud proves too hot for Prajnesh in first singles

DAVIS CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Casper Ruud gave a rousing start for Norway, as he outgunned Prajnesh Gunneswaran 6-1, 6-4 in just over an hour in the opening singles of the Davis Cup World Group tie at the Hakons Hall, Lillehammer, on Friday.

Though the 32-year-old Prajnesh tried his best, World No. 2 Ruud was a class apart.

Playing his first match after the US Open final against Carlos Alcaraz last Sunday, Ruud continued to show fine form. The indoor hard court surface did not seem to bother him as he raced on his swift legs to execute strokes with precision and consistency.

In contrast, Prajnesh was unable to sustain his high-quality game for long though he did a commendable job of staying in the rally quite a few times.

Ranked a modest 335, Prajnesh gave a good account of himself against the 23-year-old Ruud, who has had a phenomenal season by making the French Open final on clay and the summit clash on the outdoor hard courts of New York.

Ruud... a sizzling start.

With nothing to lose and a slim chance of improving on his 3-6 win-loss record in Davis Cup, the Chennai left-hander came out swinging.

There was no change to the script, however.

The result: Norway leads India 1-0 (Casper Ruud bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran 6-1, 6-4).

India batters flop, lose series

England women win third T20I by seven wickets

INDIA IN ENGLAND

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BRISTOL

The Indian bowlers put up a valiant effort with a below par total to defend before rookie Alice Capsey held her nerve to guide England to a seven-wicket win in the third women's T20I and clinch the series 2-1.

India put up an inept batting performance, scoring only 122 for eight, courtesy wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh's 22-ball 33 and all-rounder Pooja Vastrakar's unbeaten 19 off 11 deliveries.

The Indian batters were unable to navigate through the England spin bowling as Sophie Ecclestone (three for 25), Sarah Glenn (two for 11) and Bryony Smith accounted for six wickets.

England scored the runs in 18.2 overs, courtesy opener Sophia Dunkley's 49 off 44 and 18-year-old Caspey's unbeaten 38 that took the hosts over the line.

Chasing 123, the home side was off to a brilliant start with both openers Dunkley and Danni Wyatt (22 off 23 balls) sharing a 70-run stand before India triggered a mini collapse by snaring three quick wickets in as many overs. Earlier, India was in all sorts of trouble as it slipped to 75 for seven before Richa and Pooja joined forces, but it wasn't enough.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Shafali Verma b Wong 5 *(12b)*, Smriti Mandhana c Ecclestone b Smith 9 *(8b, 2x4)*, S. Meghana c Wyatt b Davies 0 *(9b)*, Harmanpreet Kaur b Glenn 5 *(14b)*, D. Hemalatha c Jones b Glenn 0 *(2b)*, Deepti Sharma st. Jones b Ecclestone 24 *(25b)*, Sneh Rana lbw b Ecclestone 8 *(15b)*, Richa Ghosh lbw b Ecclestone 33 *(22b, 5x4)*, Pooja Vastrakar (not out) 19 *(17b, 2x4)*, Radha Yadav (not out) 5 *(2b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-4, w-10): 14; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 122.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-11 (Shafali, 2.4 overs), 2-15 (Smriti, 3.4), 3-19 (Meghana, 5.4), 4-21 (Hemalatha, 6.3), 5-35 (Harmanpreet, 9.5), 6-52 (Sneh, 12.6), 7-75 (Deepti, 16.1), 8-103 (Richa, 18.5).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Smith 4-0-19-1, Davies 4-0-35-1, Wong 4-1-24-1, Glenn 3-0-11-2, Ecclestone 4-0-25-3, Kemp 1-0-4-0.

ENGLAND

Sophia Dunkley b Pooja 49 *(44b, 6x4)*, Danni Wyatt c Radha b Sneh 22 *(23b, 1x4)*, Alice Capsey (not out) 38 *(24b, 6x4)*, Amy Jones b Radha 3 *(5b)*, Bryony Smith (not out) 13 *(14b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-1): 1; Total (for three wkts. in 18.2 overs): 126.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-70 (Wyatt, 9.5), 2-72 (Dunkley, 11.2), 3-79 (Jones, 12.5).

INDIA BOWLING

Renuka 4-0-33-0, Deepti 3.2-0-30-0, Radha 4-1-14-1, Sneh 4-0-32-1, Pooja 3-0-16-1.

Toss: England. **Player-of-the-Match:** Ecclestone.

England won by seven wickets with 10 balls remaining to clinch series 2-1.

First ODI: September 18, Hove, 3.30 p.m. IST.

Pranav, Ilamparthi are World champions

Pranav and Ilamparthi. • TWITTER/CHESSBASEINDIA

SPORTS BUREAU

India added two more names to its growing list of World champions in age-group chess on Friday.

The country's latest Grandmaster Pranav Anand won the Open (under-16) title and A.R. Ilamparthi claimed the open (under-14) gold in the World youth chess championship at Mamaia, Romania.

Ilamparthi, seeded nine, signed off with a fourth straight victory to tally 9.5 points.

Indian performances (with final placings and points): Under-14 (Open): 1. A. R. Ilamparthi (9.5 points), 16. John Veny Akkarakaran (7), 52. Gaurang Bagwe (6).

Girls: 4. Mrittika Mallick (8), 7. Anupam M. Sreekumar (8), 8. H.G. Pragnya (7.5), 14. Amulya Guruprasad (7).

Under-16 (Open): 1. Pranav Anand (9), 5. M. Pranesh (8), 24. S. Harshad (6.5), 28. Ritvik Krishnan (6.5); (Girls): 42. Tanisha Boramanikar (5.5).

Under-18 (Open): 14. Soham Kamotra (7); (Girls): 6. S. Kanishka (7.5); 8. Rakshitta Ravi (7.5), 25. V. Rindhiya (6).

Samson to lead India-A in one-dayers

NZ-A IN INDIA

ANI
MUMBAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Friday announced India-A squad against New Zealand-A in one-day series to be played in Chennai.

India-A will play three one-day games against New Zealand-A under the captaincy of Sanju Samson.

The first match of the series will be played on Sept. 22, while the second match will take place on Sept. 25. The final and third game will be held on Sept. 27.

The squad: Prithvi Shaw, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Rahul Tripathi, Rajat Patidar, Sanju Samson (Capt.), K.S. Bharat (wk), Kuldeep Yadav, Shabhaz Ahmed, Rahul Chahar, Tilak Varma, Kuldeep Sen, Shardul Thakur, Umran Malik, Navdeep Saini and Raj Angad Bawa.

Bhui joins the party, South declares at 630

He makes a strokeful unbeaten century while Indrajith scores a half-century

DULEEP TROPHY

S. DINAKAR
SALEM

Had the South Zone selectors picked a specialist wicketkeeper-batter, Ricky Bhui would have missed out on the run feast.

Now, he has a Duleep Trophy hundred. On such slender threads do cricketing tales hang.

The chunky Bhui grabbed his opportunity with both hands with a strokeful unbeaten 103 (170b, 10x4, 2x6) on the second day of the Duleep Trophy clash against North at the SCF ground here on Friday.

On the ball: Bhui toyed with North attack. • R. RAGU

Mountain of runs

South, perhaps inspired by the hills around the ground, built a mountain of runs – 630 for eight declared – and on a pitch offering turn and having uneven bounce, holds the aces going into the last two days.

Playing back could be hazardous on this surface since the odd ball can keep low and shoot through straight.

With the sun beating down, the cracks on the pitch could open up. North, 19 without loss at stumps, has a battle on its hands. Already we saw a delivery of appreciable turn for Sai Kishore.

Back to Bhui. Truth to tell, he cannot be blamed for any selection folly. All he can do is put in his best effort and he certainly did that with the bat.

The 25-year-old Bhui played with typical flair and flamboyance. His cover and square-drives caught the eye, so did the on-side whips.

North's pace spearhead Navdeep Saini pulled up in the morning with a groin strain and was taken for scans.

Hanuma Vihari, batting with his blend of solidity and enterprise, had progressed to 134 (225b, 16x4, 2x6) when he fell to one that held its line from left-arm spinner Mayank Dagar.

Trademark efficiency

B. Indrajith (65, 104b, 4x4) batted with his trademark efficiency. A fine player of spin, the manner Indrajith went right back to shorten the length and play the ball late behind point or danced down for more expansive shots, underlined his skill.

Dagar, a steady left-armer, sent back Indrajith with a delivery that turned past the forward defensive bat.

There were useful contributions all through the South innings – Manish Pandey's battling 35, K. Gowtham's entertaining 48, Ravi Teja's aggressive 42; the tiring North wilted under the onslaught.

The score:

South Zone — 1st innings: Rohan Kunnummal b Saini 143, Mayank Agarwal b Sindhu 49, Hanuma Vihari lbw b Dagar 134, B. Indrajith b Dagar 65, Manish Pandey c Nagarg b Dagar 35, Ricky (not out) 103, K. Gowtham c Mandeep b Sindhu 48, Ravi Teja lbw b Narang 42, R. Sai Kishore st Malhotra b Narang 1, Tanay Thyagarajan (not out) 1; Extras (b-1, lb-6, nb-1, w-1) 9; Total (for eight wkts. decl. in 172.5 overs): 630.

Fall of wickets: 1-102, 2-269, 3-374, 4-431, 5-440, 6-531, 7-611, 8-623.

North Zone bowling: Saini 11.2-0-58-1, Kaul 21-3-74-0, Dagar 56.4-3-184-3, Rana 4-1-13-0, Sindhu 40-7-151-2, Narang 33.5-6-121-2, Dhull 6-0-22-0.

North Zone — 1st innings: Yash Dhull (batting) 8, Manan Vohra (batting) 11; Total (for no loss in five overs): 19.

South Zone bowling: Sai Kishore 3-0-15-0, Basil Thambi 2-0-4-0.

Shaw takes centrestage after bowlers' show

S. DIPAK RAGAV
COIMBATORE

After Jaydev Unadkat (3/24) and off-spinner Tanush Kotian (3/17) helped West Zone bundle out Central Zone for 128 and take a 129-run lead, Prithvi Shaw (104 batting, 96b, 11x4, 3x6) cemented that advantage in the second innings at the Sri Ramakrishna College ground on Friday.

At stumps on day two of the Duleep Trophy semifinals, West was 130 for three – an overall lead of 259.

Resuming at 252 for nine, West was bowled out for 257 in its first essay. Unadkat then bowled his side into a strong position, removing three Central top-order batters.

Unadkat struck early, removing Yash Dubey leg-before as Central started cautiously. Just when Shubham Sharma seemed to finding his rhythm, Atit Sheth induced an error, having him caught at third slip by Ajinkya Rahane who had just moved himself there from gully. In his second spell, Unadkat worked the angles by coming around the wicket. He had Himanshu Mantri caught at slip with a delivery that went across the left-hander and got one to straighten to the right-handed Priyam Garg from the same angle.

In top gear: Shaw's unbeaten 96-ball 104 contained 11 fours and three sixes. • M. PERIASAMY

Later, Shaw once again played aggressively on a surface where the batters needed to make most of the loose deliveries. He flicked majestically whenever the pacers drifted to his pads while flashing hard through the offside when given width and raced to his half-century off just 32 balls.

At the other end, Rahane was dismissed again while shouldering arms while Tripathi was leg-before doing the same, with Rajpoot being the bowler on both occasions. After being watchful for a while after his 50, Shaw took on the left-arm spinner Kartikeya by sweeping him for two sixes over midwicket. He then drove Gourav Yadav through covers before pulling him for an audacious six over midwicket in the same over to get to his second ton of the tournament in style.

The scores: West Zone — 1st innings: Prithvi Shaw b Kartikeya 60, Yashasvi Jaiswal c Shubham b Aniket 0, Ajinkya Rahane lbw b Gaurav 8, Rahul Tripathi c Mantri b Aniket 67, Armaan Jaffer c Aniket b Karan 23, Het Patel lbw b Kartikeya 2, Shams Mulani c Shubham b Rajpoot 41, Atit Sheth c Mantri b Kartikeya 3, Tanush Kotian b Kartikeya 36, Jaydev Unadkat b Kartikeya 1, Chintan Gaja not out 5, Extras (lb-10, w-1): 11; Total (in 85.4 overs): 257.

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-33, 3-90, 4-143, 5-147, 6-152, 7-226, 8-230, 9-230.

Central Zone bowling: Rajpoot 16-1-57-1, Aniket 17.4-2-48-2, Gourav 11-0-44-1, Kartikeya 27-7-66-5, Karan 14-2-32-1

Central — 1st innings: Yash Dubey lbw b Unadkat 4, Himanshu Mantri c Shaw b Unadkat 11, Shubham Sharma c Rahane b Sheth 19, Karan Sharma c Tripathi b Kotia 34, Priyam Garg c Shaw b Unadkat 12, Rinku Singh c Jaffer b Gaja 8, Venkatesh Iyer c Het b Kotian 14, Kumar Kartikeya b Sheth 4, Ankit Rajpoot c Jaffer b Mulani 12, Gourav Yadav c Tripathi b Kotian 5, Aniket Choudhary 0; Extras (b-4, lb-1): 5; Total (in 40.1 overs): 128.

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-32, 3-36, 4-48, 5-66, 6-79, 7-94, 8-103, 9-115.

West bowling: Unadkat 10-2-24-3, Gaja 9-3-25-1, Sheth 10-1-27-2, Kotian 6.1-3-17-3, Mulani 5-1-30-1.

West — 2nd innings: Prithvi Shaw (batting) 104, Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw b Aniket 3, Ajinkya Rahane b Rajpoot 12, Rahul Tripathi lbw b Rajpoot 0, Armaan Jaffer (batting) 7; Extras (b-4): 4; Total (for three wkts. in 29 overs): 130.

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-82, 3-86.

Central bowling: Rajpoot 9-1-33-2, Aniket 7-0-28-1, Gourav 4-0-34-0, Kartikeya 8-1-29-0, Karan 1-0-2-0.

Misplaced aggression creates a scare

S. DIPAK RAGAV
COIMBATORE

In what can only be described as needless aggression that could have had horrible consequences, West Zone pacer Chintan Gaja showed poor judgement during the Duleep Trophy semifinals here on Friday.

Off the first ball of the 28th over during Central Zone's innings, Venkatesh Iyer gave Gaja the charge and lofted him over extra-cover for a six.

Off the very next ball, Venkatesh played it back to the bowler on whom a moment of red mist descended as he threw the ball back to the striker's end on his follow-through. Instead of aiming for the stumps or sending it to the 'keeper, Gaja's wild throw hit the batter on his neck.

Venkatesh immediately went down in severe pain and, for a few minutes, there was genuine concern and shock for everyone present at the venue.

Within moments, even as Venkatesh was being attended to by the physio, the ambulance made it onto the ground with the stretcher being readied.

Thankfully, Venkatesh managed to get on his feet and walked back to the dressing room for further evaluation.

He later came back at the fall of the seventh wicket, and though his stay was brief, it was heartening to see the batter out in the middle. He later underwent precautionary scans and was reported to be fine.

Bowlers need to find a way to channel their intensity in ways that are less dangerous, especially after what happened to Australian cricketer Phil Hughes eight years back, and incidents like this need to be used to sensitise cricketers about the perils of such misplaced aggression.

Ouch, that hurt! Venkatesh writhes in pain after being hit by a rash throw by bowler Gaja. • M. PERIASAMY

Jaglan enters repechage

SPORTS BUREAU

Sagar Jaglan (74kg) secured a place in the repechage round, while Olympic silver medallist Ravi Dahiya (57kg) and the promising Naveen Malik (70kg) missed out on medals in the World wrestling championships in Belgrade on Friday.

World under-20 bronze medallist Jaglan defeated Israel's Mitchell Finesilver 15-4 and Mexico's Diego Zarco 13-2 before being pinned by three-time World champion and Olympic bronze medallist Kyle Dake of the USA in the quarterfinals.

As Dake moved into the final, Jaglan stayed in the hunt for a bronze medal.

Ravi's journey ends

Three-time Asian champion Ravi's journey ended prematurely as the ace wrestler, who beat Romanian Razvan Kovacs 10-0, lost to former World junior champion and last year's Olympic qualification tournament champion Uzbekistan's Gulomjon Abdullaev 10-0 in the pre-quarterfinals.

LIVE TELECAST

RSWS 2022: Colors Cineplex, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 & 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
WTA Chennai Open: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 p.m. onwards.
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday).
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday).
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Injured Lukaku to miss Nations League games

BRUSSELS

Romelu Lukaku will miss Belgium's upcoming Nations League matches with injury as coach Roberto Martinez named a 30-man squad on Friday. Belgium's all-time record goal-scorer, on loan at Inter Milan from Chelsea, has not played since August due to a muscle problem. AFP

Boucher to coach MI

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MUMBAI

Outgoing South Africa coach Mark Boucher will coach Mumbai Indians in the next Indian Premier League season, the franchise said on Friday, days after his shock resignation from South Africa.

The 45-year-old will leave the South Africa post once the T20 World Cup wraps up in November, despite having a year left on his contract.

He will replace Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene as coach of Mumbai, the IPL's most successful franchise, when the league resumes next year.

PBKS ropes in Bayliss

Meanwhile, Punjab Kings appointed Trevor Bayliss as the team's new head coach ahead of the next season.

Bayliss will replace Anil Kumble after the latter's contract was not renewed by Punjab Kings following a poor string of performances by the side under his guidance.

JK Tyre Silver Jubilee racing edition this weekend

Battle royale: Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup, that has been changed to a new format, the Pro-Am Series, is expected to provide keen competition. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

25 seasoned stars to do battle for top honours

MOTORSPORTS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

The season's opening round of the 25th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship will be held at the Kari Motor Speedway in Chettipalayam here this weekend.

The championship will celebrate its Silver Jubilee year.

Besides the premier Formula LGB4 and the JK Tyre Novice Cup, this year's edition will have the format of the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup changed to the Pro-Am Series with 10 professional and 15 amateur riders competing on the same grid. The other new addition will be the JK Tyre presents Endurance League Cup powered by United CRA.

The FLGB4 grid will witness 25 seasoned racing stars such as Arya Singh (Dark Don Racing), Amir Sayed and T.S. Diljith (both Ahura Racing) and Ruhaan Alva and Mira Erda from Msport battling it out for top honours. But the big name missing will be defending champion Vishnu Prasad. And, that has opened the doors for the rest to kick-start season in style.

Ruhaan Alva, the Novice Cup defending champion, has also graduated to the FLGB4 and F4 internationally.

"JK Tyre has been the driver of opportunities for the growth of motorsport in India for decades. We are extremely committed to providing the young and budding talent a wide range of opportunities and a definite platform to grow," said Sanjay Sharma, Head of Motorsports, JK Tyre.

"Bearing testimony to our commitment is the fact that we are the only manufacturer to have run a championship in India for 25 continuous years. We're glad to commence the 25th edition of this coveted championship this year and excited to continue to keep growing our legacy," he added.

Maria: the globe-trotting super tennis mom

Believes a sporting career and family can go hand in hand

Home away from home: Maria with her daughters at the Chennai Open. • K.V. SRINIVASAN

N. SUDARSHAN
CHENNAI

Tennis has long been hailed as one of the more gender-equal and inclusive sports. Of late, its warm embrace of players who continue to compete after becoming mothers has only added to this reputation.

From Serena Williams to Victoria Azarenka to Sania Mirza, all have made successful comebacks from maternity breaks. One among those is Tatjana Maria, 35 and a mother of two, who reached the semifinals at Wimbledon in July. It was just a year after her second child, Cecilia, was born.

In Chennai for the WTA Chennai Open, Maria, the World No. 84, revelled in family time, with her husband and two children in tow, even as she confounded opponents with her slice and dice game.

"I love to be a mom and travel with my kids. That is one of the most important things for me," Maria said. "This is nice because it is a new tournament. All year long it is the same set of tournaments and it is nice to have a new one in India."

In sport, the notion that players should break out in their early teens, build successful careers and only then look to experience the other pleasures in life is deeply entrenched. But Maria doesn't believe in such strait-jacketing.

"Everybody has to see what is best for them," says the German. "All my life I wanted to have a family. In the end, I was able to have a family and also play tennis. If I am not with my kids and husband, I will not be playing tennis."

But managing practise, playing time, school time for the children (online classes) and leisure is a tough balancing act. Maria, though, doesn't seem to mind.

"I try to enjoy it as much as I can," she said. "Every morning I am out on the tennis court with my daughter (Charlotte). We are one of the first. After that we have school. All day long there is a programme. But I like it.

"After the second child, I asked Charlotte if she wanted to have a brother or sister. She said 'No. we have to keep travelling.' So to see her enjoy travel and new cultures is great."

RACING

Victoria Punch takes the honours in Mysore 1000 Guineas

MYSURU: Mr. C. Ananda's Victoria Punch (Antony Raj up) won the Mysore 1000 Guineas, the first Classic of the season held here on Friday (Sept. 16).

The winner is trained by Irfan Ghatala.

Antony, who rode confidently, kept the filly second or third till the bend before manuoeuvring his mount from inside in the home stretch.

Victoria Punch responded well to the reminders and started galloping with giant strides to pass the leader Polished Girl in the last 50m and win comfortably.

THE RESULTS:

1. SON OF THE LIGHT PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25: **JABBAR** (S. Saqlain) 1, Spiritualqueen (Sai Kiran) 2, Rumour Lady (Akshay K) 3 and Virginia Queen (Nazerul) 4. Not run: Gabriella.

7-1/4, Nk and 3. Im, 11.90s. ₹50 (w), 16, 16 and 13 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 54, FP: 470, Q: 211, Trinella: 449 and 155. Favourite: Rumour Lady.

Owner and trainer: Mr. M. Bobby.

2. PENAMBUR PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: **COUNTRY'S DELIGHT** (L.A. Rozario) 1, Star Speck (Hasib A) 2, Felicita (Antony) 3 and Infinite Grace (R. Pradeep) 4.

8-1/4, 1-1/2 and 1-3/4. 1m, 12.52s. ₹36 (w), 15, 15 and 12 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 55, FP: 168, Q: 66, Trinella: 209 and 90. Favourite: Felicita.

Owner: Country Stud Farms LLP. Trainer: Feroz Khan.

3. ORIGINAL VEL RACING TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65: **RAVISHING FORM** (Trevor) 1, Shubankar (Srinath) 2, Silvarius (Antony) 3 and Heroism (H. Rahul) 4. Not run: Douglas, Imperius and D Jani.

11-1/4, 3-1/4 and 1. 1m, 33.54s (record time). ₹14 (w), 12 and 12 (p), SHP: 20, THP: 41, FP: 23, Q: 18, Trinella: 62 and 22. Favourite: Ravishing Form.

Owners: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, The Estate Of Late Mr. R.R. Byramji, Mrs. Anasuya Gupta, DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by. Mr. D.R. Thacker. Trainer: Parvati Byramji.

4. M.W. CHINNAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over: **ELUSIVE GIRL** (S. Saqlain) 1, The Response (Hindu S) 2, Gintoki (B. Darshan) 3 and Impelling Power (Sai Kiran) 4. Not run: Unyielding.

1-3/4, 4-3/4 and Lnk. 1m, 23.34s. ₹25 (w), 13, 15 and 21 (p), SHP: 63, THP: 54, FP: 283, Q: 136, Trinella: 985 and 414. Favourite: Elusive Girl.

Owner: Mr. Aziz A Jaffer. Trainer: Azhar Ali.

5. MYSORE 1000 GUINEAS (1,600M), 3-Y-O FILLIES (TERMS): VICTORIA PUNCH (SANUS PER AQUAM-STRICTLY) ANTONY 1, Polished Girl (Excellent Art-Polished Chrome) Suraj 2, Philosophy (Speaking Of Which-Manifold) Sandesh 3 and Mirra (Speaking Of Which-Myrtlewood) Akshay K 4.

1, 1-1/4 and 1. 1m, 38.08s. ₹208 (w), 34 and 48 (p), SHP: 58, THP: 41, FP: 3,178, Q: 577, Trinella: 5,445 and 1,556. Favourite: Mirra.

Owner: Mr. C. Ananda. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

6. GOOL & SOLI POONAWALLA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 60 to 85: **SUCCESS** (Hindu S) 1, Notoriety (B. Darshan) 3, Divine Ray (Akshay K) 3 and Trust Bond (Sai Kiran) 4.

7-1/2, 2-1/4 and Nose. 1m, 35.78s. ₹16 (w), 14 and 45 (p), SHP: 100, THP: 47, FP: 166, Q: 237, Trinella: 149 and 37, Exacta: 1,090 and 234. Favourite: Success.

Owner: Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: Vijay Singh.

7. PENAMBUR PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: **SIR CALCULUS** (Srinath) 1, Indian Glory (Sai Kiran) 2, Valkyrie (B. Darshan) 3 and Coorg General (J. Paswan) 4. Not run: Morganite.

2-1/2, 3/4 and 1-1/2. 1m, 12.11s. ₹16 (w), 10, 68 and 16 (p), SHP: 197, THP: 37, FP: 396, Q: 281, Trinella: 2,215 and 458, Exacta: 6,752. Favourite: Sir Calculus.

Owner: Mr. Deepak Kumar. Trainer: Ranjeet Singh.

Jackpot: ₹2,634 (91 tkts.)

Runner-up: 524 (196 tkts.)

Treble (i): 87 (14 tkts.); (ii): 1,837 (two tkts.).

Reward for excellence: Victoria Punch's jockey Antony Raj, trainer Irfan Ghatala, and owner C. Ananda with Mysore Race Club chairman G.K. Balakrishna and senior steward Y.B. Ganesh at the Mysore 1000 Guineas Trophy presentation on Saturday. • M.A. SRIRAM

Purav & Divij in title clash

SPORTS BUREAU

Second seeds Purav Raja and Divij Sharan defeated Tuna Altuna and Lorenzo Giustino 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles semifinals of the $53,120 Challenger tennis tournament in Istanbul on Friday.

The Indian pair will challenge top seeds Arjun Kadhe and Fernando Romboli for the title.

The results:

$53,120 Challenger, Istanbul: Doubles (semifinals): Purav Raja & Divij Sharan bt Tuna Altuna (Tur) & Lorenzo Giustino (Ita) 6-3, 6-4; Fernando Romboli (Bra) & Arjun Kadhe w/o Geoffrey Blancaneaux & Laurent Lokoli (Fra); **Quarterfinals:** Romboli & Kadhe bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-4, 7-6(4).

$15,000 ITF men, Sharm El Sheikh: Doubles (semifinals): S.D. Prajwal Dev & Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam bt Alec Beckley & Kris Van Wyk (RSA) 3-6, 7-5, [10-6].

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Doubles (semifinals): Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta & Parikshit Somani bt Maximus Jones (Tha) & Karan Singh 6-7(6), 7-5, [10-5]; **Quarterfinals:** Jones & Karan bt Bekkhan Atlangeriev & Ivan Denisov 6-2, 5-7, [10-8].

$15,000 ITF women, Sharm El Sheikh: Quarterfinals: Jacqueline Cabaj Awad (Swe) bt Sravya Shivani 6-4, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir: Doubles (semifinals): Ya-Hsin Lee & Chia Yi Tsao (Tpe) bt Milana Zhabrailova & Jennifer Luikham 6-3, 7-5.

Indian boys to play Myanmar for third place

SPORTS BUREAU

The Indian boys team defeated Chinese Taipei 3-0 in the last league match but ended up second to Thailand in group-B in the Asian under-12 tennis championships in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, on Friday.

The results (league):

Boys: India bt Chinese Taipei 3-0 (Fazal Ali Meer bt Jui-En Tsai 7-5, 6-1; Tavish Pahwa bt Yu-Min Lin 6-1, 6-0; Kushagra Arora & Tavish bt Yu-Min Lin & Yen-Chia Tseng 7-6(5), 4-6, [10-4]). **Girls:** India bt Uzbekistan 3-0 (A. Aahan bt Madinakhon Salidjanova 6-1, 6-1; Prachi Malik bt Muslimakhon Turdimuradova 6-3, 6-3; Aahan & Anandita Upadhyay bt Elnura Boltaboeva & Madinakhon Salidjanova 7-6(4), 6-2).